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Consul General,
Marseilles.

31 July
7 Aug.

Illegal Immigrant Shipping.

Transmit copy of note S.I. FSKG/jan
of 31 July. Giving report of the position
at Marseilles as at 30 July. on Illegal
Immigrant Shipping.

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With the Compliments

of

His Majesty's Consul-General

Marseilles.

Eastern Department
Foreign Office
LONDON, S.W. 1.

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British Consulate-General
Marseilles.

31st July, 1947.

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S.1.

FGKG/jarb.

Dear Chancery,

Jewish illegal immigration. The following is a report
of the position at Marseilles as at 30th July, 1947 :-

- | | |
|---------------|--|
| "PAN YORK" | - No apparent change. She is not listed for any departure. |
| "ALBERTINA" | - This ship did not leave as listed on 21st July. She is still in port and has not been loaded. |
| "CADIO" | - Left for the Levant on 23rd July with 112 tons of freight and 7 passengers. |
| "ANDRIA" | - Left for the Levant on 23rd July with 55 tons of freight and 1 passenger. |
| "AEGEAN STAR" | - Arrived from the Levant with 19 passengers and left for the same destination in ballast on 24th July. |
| "MARATHON" | - Arrived from the Levant on 24th July with 33 tons of freight and 75 passengers. Left for the same destination on 27th July with 69 passengers. |
| "PATRIS" | - Arrived from the Levant with 63 passengers on 25th July and left for the Levant on the same day with 1 passenger. |
| "PHOENIX" | - Left for the Levant on 26th July without declaration. |
| "VALENA" | - Left for Casablanca with 6 passengers on 28th July. |
| "ARKANGELOS" | - No apparent change. |

We are copying this letter to Eastern Department,
Foreign Office.

Yours ever,

Marseilles. *[Signature]*

The Chancery,
British Embassy,
PARIS.

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Paris. bE
2^d. August 1947

Dear Communications Department.

Your letter YQ 2130 of
30th July. we much regret the
delay in sending you a copy of
Paris Tel Saring no 146, due
to your letter YQ 2096 having been
mislaid. Herewith a copy.
with apologies for inconvenience.
Yours ever

Paris Clancey

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No. 59 of 15/6/47

MOST IMMEDIATE

SECRET

Your telegram No. 62.

President Warfield.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs were informed yesterday that this vessel was reported to have entered French waters near Toulon, and were urged to take effective action to hold her and obstruct her further movements.

2. In case instructions have not yet reached local authorities, please inform them of these representations and urge them not to allow embarkation of passengers or departure of vessel in the meantime.

3. You should telephone Embassy at once if there is any sign of embarkation.

DUFF COOPER.

*Use by Telegram
This was a mission telegram
repeated it*

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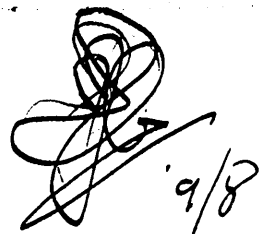
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S.S. 'Horek lands'

4th Panamanian Govt, have instructed their
Paris Legation to report first-hand investigation
any grounds for suspicion pertaining to such
vectors in handling negotiations of 'Horek lands'
Legation are instructing Panamanian Consul
Bordeaux to report.

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Panamanian Government, who are being urged by His Majesty's Government to cancel registration of Northlands, have instructed their Paris Legation to report firsthand investigations any grounds for suspicion justifying such action.

8. If you see no objection please point out to him our grounds for suspicion, urging him tactfully to report any reasons for which registration could be withdrawn.



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Embassy

Paris

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8 Aug

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Podarok and Northlands

Transmit copy of note no 726 to my Foreign
affairs of 8 Aug. bringing to their notice
the dispatch of the Podarok from Bayonne
on Aug 4. after representation from Embassy.
Also state, if my Foreign Affairs wish to co-operate
they can hold the Northlands at Bayonne
until further action from Panamanian Govt.

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HIS Majesty's **Ambassador** at **Paris**
presents his compliments to **H.M.P.S. of S. for F.A.**
and has the honour to transmit to him the under-mentioned
documents.

British Embassy,

.....Paris.

.....8th August, 1947.

Reference to previous correspondence:

Description of Enclosure.

Name and Date.	Subject.
Copy of Note No. 726 to the My. of Foreign Affairs of 8th August 1947.	Movement of Jewish illegal immigration ships. <div>E 7360 13 AUG 1947</div>

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No. 726.

8th August 1947.

His Majesty's Embassy present their compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and have the honour to invite the attention of the Ministry to the departure of the "Paducah" from Bayonne, which took place on 4th August in spite of urgent representations from this Embassy.

2. His Majesty's Embassy feel bound to protest most strongly at this further failure on the part of the French Government to give satisfaction to the Embassy's representations in regard to illegal emigration, coming as it does immediately after the "President Warfield" episode and the delay of the French Government in arranging the refoulement of the two Jewish terrorists at Jibuti. His Majesty's Embassy find this all the more difficult to understand, in that the extreme embarrassment caused to His Majesty's Government by the entire question of Jewish terrorism and of illegal immigration into Palestine has more than once been expressed in the plainest terms by Mr. Bevin to Monsieur Bidault.

3. His Majesty's Embassy nevertheless venture to remind the Ministry of Foreign Affairs that the "Northlands" is still at Bayonne and that if the French authorities wish to co-operate there are numerous ways, some of which have been pointed out to the Ministry, of holding this vessel there until the Panamanian Government decides whether her registration should be withdrawn.

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Situation at Marseille.

Report position re Illegal Immigrant
type at Marseille as at Aug. 6.

(Minutes.)

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British Consulate-General,
Marseilles.

7th August, 1947.

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Secret.

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14 AUG 1947

Dear Chancery,

Jewish illegal immigration. The following is a report of the position at Marseilles as at 6th August, 1947 :-

"ARKANGELOS"

No change.

"ALBERTINA"

Still in port; does not appear to be landing; no activity on board. Expected to leave for Genoa in ballast on 7th August.

"PAN YORK"

A job hunter recently called at the Consulate and in conversation it transpired that he had been discharged from the "PAN CRESCENT" at a Mediterranean port. He stated that she was trading in the Mediterranean with the "PAN YORK". He had been to the "PAN YORK" for a job but was told that all the crew taken on in America was discharged at Marseilles, and that a local crew was being recruited here. He did not know the intended destination of the "PAN YORK" but understood she was to leave shortly. Three days ago she had steam up but is still here in the same condition.

We are copying this letter to the Eastern Department, Foreign Office.

Yours ever,

Marseilles.

The Chancery,
British Embassy,
Paris.

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F. O.,

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your letter to Paris
blancery no. FGKG/GW S.1 of
in August [Jewish illegal
immigration]

Your information about "PAN
YORKS" recruitment of new crew
strengthens our suspicions of this
ship, since such a change of
crews is standard practice of
organizers of illegal immigration.
Please report whether your
representations to local authorities
about her (your letter of 24th
July refers) produced any results.

2. We understood "ARCHANGELOS"
was to be sold by auction. Have
there been any developments? Is date
of proposed auction yet known?

3. Turkish ship "BURHANIYE"
left Port Said for PORT DE BOUC
on 8th August. Turkish Govt. wish
to

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to arrest her for taxes and
port dues. She may be intended
for use in illegal immigration
and you should, therefore, give
your Turkish colleague ^{what} ~~any~~
assistance you can if he
wishes to ~~effect~~ put an arrest
on her.

[Signature]
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Your letter to Paris Chancery No. FGKG/GWSI of August 7th [Jewish illegal immigration].

Your information about "Pan York's" recruitment of new crew strengthens our suspicions of this ship, since such a change of crews is standard practice of organisers of illegal immigration. Please report whether your representations to local authorities about her (your letter of July 24th refers) produced any results.

2. We understood "Archangelos" was to be sold by auction. Is date of proposed auction yet known?

3. Turkish ship "Burhaniye" left Port Said for Port de Bouc on August 8th. Turkish Government wish to arrest her for taxes and port dues. She may be intended for use in illegal immigration and you should, therefore, give your Turkish colleague what assistance you can if he wishes to put an arrest on her.

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Consul General

No.

Marseilles

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FGKW/gw S.I.

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Situation at Marseilles.

Transmit list of ships which are engaged
on regular runs to ports in the Levant
or elsewhere, does not propose to report
their frequent arrivals. Sh. from Marseilles
will include them again in suspect shipping
list should circumstances warrant.

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In P.P. of Marseilles Aug 13. FGKJ/gw S.I.

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British Consulate-General,
Marseilles.

7th August, 1947.

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Dear Chancery,

The following ships which appear on our suspect lists are engaged on regular runs from Marseilles to ports in the Levant and elsewhere. They all appear to be engaged in legitimate traffic (passengers and/or freight) and, subject to your agreement, we do not propose to report their frequent arrivals at, and departures from, Marseilles. We would, of course, include them again in our weekly reports should any suspicious circumstances come to our notice :-

"AEGEAN STAR"

"ANDRIA"

"ALEXANDRA"

"ATTIKI"

"CADIO"

"COMANDO"

"EFTHALIA"

"KEDMAH"

"MARATHON"

"PATRIS"

"PHOENIX"

"VALENA"

We are copying this letter to Eastern Department, Foreign Office.

Yours ever,

Marseilles. *[Signature]*

The Chancery,
British Embassy,
Paris.

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British Consulate-General
Marseilles.

13th August, 1947.

SECRET
S.1.

FOKQ/jarb

Dear Chancery,

Jewish illegal immigration. The following is a report
of the situation at Marseilles as at 13th August, 1947:-

"CHIARINA MADRE"	- Still berthed in Vieux-Port.
"ARKANGELOS"	- No change.
"DOLORES"	- Arrived on 7th August from Barry with one passenger and left in ballast for Piraeus on 9th August.
"PAN YORK"	- No change.

As stated in our letter of 7th August, we are
excluding from this and future weekly reports suspect
ships which are engaged on regular services between Marseilles
and other Mediterranean ports.

We are copying this letter to Eastern Department,
Foreign Office.

Yours ever,

Marseilles. *[Signature]*

The Chancery,
British Embassy,
PARIS.



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J.P. Ourania

W.S.

D.B.

Following from Beirut, Alexandria.

Shell Company expects to provide oil fuel
for the ship in the near future, but
let plans are not yet known.

ADDRESSED CHIRO 6 Savings.

(Minutes.)

Eastern Dept

Does this mean
anything to you?

Miss Kiehe

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This may refer to the "OURANIA",
a ship on the list of suspected
shipping now at Alexandria.

Pauls
(J.E. CASLE)
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Reference my Saving telegram No. 1 of the 1st July. Shell Company expects to provide oil fuel for this ship in the near future, but her plans are not yet known.



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 Rev. L. Campbell
 Cairo.
 93 Savoy.
 Aug 2.
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P. J. Curran.

Following from Cairo Alexandria.
 R/pt (Savoy 6 (Cairo E 7442/84/31)
 Greek steamer of "Durania" named (Cronos)
 stated ship is to sail for Haifa, Aug. 1.

ADDRESSED CAIRO & Savoy.

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(Minutes.)

Eastern Dept. - Should Colonial Office be informed?
 + Army?

C. H. 8/8

I think these papers should really be
 entered with us and both telegrams
 should be given I. I. P. distribution. The
 ship is not very strongly suspect, but
 it would be as well to warn
 Athens and I am sending a telegram
 amending our Weekly List of suspect shipping
 accordingly.

J.E.H.
 (J.E. CABLE)
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Your first sentence - I agree.

Mr. Cable (Eastern Dept.)

C.H. 11/8

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M. Wilson

Algiers

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Aug 13

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S S Paducah.

Refer 7061 (E7264/48/31) + Note Paducah
arrived here early am. Wednesday 13 Aug.
Local authorities state no passengers
aboard.

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DEPARTMENTAL NO. 1

Mr. Wilson
No. 78.
August 13th, 1947.

Repeated to Paris,
Tunis.

Your telegram No. 55.

Illegal ship Paducah arrived Bone early a.m. today Wednesday. Vice Consul Bone and I am in touch with local authorities who state that there are no passengers on board.



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M. Wilson

Algiers

79 (AN)

14 Aug

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S.S. Paducah

W.S.
D.B.

Report Algiers tel 78 (E 7459/84/31) Paducah
left port 17.00 Aug 15, with no passengers
of which she could carry 2000. Captain is
P. Adgeest, Roumanian as are most of crew of 38
Ship was supplied with 90 tons of water but
30 tons of oil fuel was refused and supply
of provisions cut to essential amounts

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(Minutes.)

Telegram sent to Athens and Rome,
giving this information and also latest
position of Paducah, which now appears
to be making for Greece.

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See also E 7264 and E 7562
and E 7702/48/6

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Mr. Dodds (Admiralty) tells me that
Article 3 of the Montreux Convention
lays down that:

"All ships entering the Straits by
the Aegean or Black Seas shall stop
at a sanitary station near the entrance
to the Straits for the purpose of the
sanitary control prescribed by Turkish
law."

We might be able to persuade
the Turkish Govt. to make use
of this provision in order to hamper
the "Paducah's" activities. This could be
done in one of two ways, depending on

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on whether or not she succeeds
in refueling and embarking passengers
at a Black Sea Port.

Assuming that she does not
and seeks to return empty through
the Straits, she will presumably
be very short of fuel, since she
~~now~~ has been unable to refuel
since leaving Bayonne. In that case
the Turkish Govt. might use
the results of their sanitary inspection
as a pretext for denying her
admission to and facilities in
any Turkish port. As we would
have little difficulty in persuading
the Greek and Egyptian authorities
to deny her fuel, she might
well be held up altogether.

If, however, she returns to
the Straits with passengers on board,
our object should be to persuade
the Turkish Govt. to deny her
passage. Mr. Dodds tells me
that this would not be justified
by the Montreux Convention. The
Turks might, however, discover from
the sanitary inspection that she
was so over-crowded and unsanitary
that they would feel justified
in detaining her on humanitarian
grounds, in order to avoid the
risk of her foundering.

I think we should ask
H.M. Ambassador Angora to consider
/both

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Tel. Angora 693
Bucharest 817
Lyon 6
Sofia 1072
Rptd Athens 1744
Aug 18

8/9.9. Dist.
(under 57264/48/31)
✓ Aug 20

Tel. Angora 700
Rptd Bucharest 823
Sofia 1080

Aug. 19.

8/9.9. Dist.
(under 57264/48/31)
✓ Aug 20

Tel. Bucharest 834
Sofia 1090
Aug 20

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Tel. Bucharest 848
Rptd. Angora 709
Sofia 1106.

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Minutes.

both these possibilities and submit
draft telegram accordingly.

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[Signature]
(J.E. CABLE)
22/8

Southern Dept.

The Illegal Immigration Committee
have now suggested that the services
of bdr. Council R.N., attached to
our Control Commission in ~~Germany~~
Romania should be utilized
to watch for the point of
embarkation, if any, in order to
provide the necessary evidence
for future "refoulement" or protests
to Rumanian Govt.

I submit further telegram
accordingly.

[Signature]
(J.E. CABLE)
22/8

Now see E7755

[Signature]
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DEPARTMENTAL NO. 1

FROM ALGIERS TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Mr. Wilson

No. 19 [sic]

D. 1.00 p.m. 14th August, 1947.

14th August, 1947

R. 10.10 p.m. 14th August, 1947.

Repeated to Tunis
Paris

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My telegram [gp.undec. 178]

Paducah left Bone 17.00 August 13th with no passengers, of which she could carry up to 2,000. Name of Captain is P. Adsert [sic], American, as are most of crew of 38. Ship was supplied with 30 tons of water but 30 tons of oil fuel was refused and supply of provisions cut to insignificant quantity.

[Copy sent to Middle East Secretariat]



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ATHENS No 1743
ROME No 1234

Telegram.

No.

(Date) Aug 16th

Repeat to:-

C. in C. Med.

Paris (Hing) No 1619

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F.O.,

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1947

7.40 P.M.

Immediate
Confidential

Jewish illegal immigration.
Suspect ship "PADUCAH" which
left BAYONNE without report
without passengers on 4th August
ostensibly for LEGHORN, now
appears to be making for
Greece. Her position at 0600
hours 16th August was 36
degrees 29 minutes NORTH 17
degrees 43 minutes EAST.

2. She called at BONE
on 13th August and requested
provisions and 30 tons fuel
oil, which were refused. She
left the same day without report
/without

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33 without embarking passengers.

3. She is being shadowed
by H.M.S. TOCOGAY and
C.I. in C. Mediterranean will
keep you informed of her
movements. Please warn Greek
authorities that this ship
is very strongly suspect and
may attempt to embark
Jews either direct from
Greece or from another
vessel coming from Greece.
Please ask them to take
precautions accordingly and
to detain ship: if she puts
into port.

4. (ROME only) Ship may still turn NORTH and attempt embarkation from EAST coast of Italy. Italian authorities should not, therefore, relax their vigilance.

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ROME No. 1734

D. 7.40 p.m. 16th August, 1947

Paris No. 1619 (Saying)

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CONFIDENTIAL.

Jewish illegal immigration.

Suspect ship "PADUCAH" which left Bayonne without (repeat without) passengers on 4th August ostensibly for Leghorn, now appears to be making for Greece. Her position at 0600 hours 16th August was 36 degrees 29 minutes North 17 degrees 43 minutes East.

2. She called at Bone on 13th August and requested provisions and 50 tons fuel oil, which were refused. She left the same day without (repeat without) embarking passengers.

3. She is being shadowed by H.M.S. Tocogay and Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean will keep you informed of her movements. Please warn Greek authorities that this ship is very strongly suspect and may attempt to embark Jews either direct from Greece or from another vessel coming from Greece. Please ask them to take precautions accordingly and to detain ship if she puts into port.

4. (Rome only) Ship may still turn North and attempt embarkation from East coast of Italy. Italian authorities should not, therefore, relax their vigilance.

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ANGORA No 693
BUCHAREST No 817
SMYRNA No 6
SOFIA No 1072
Telegram.

No.

(Date) Aug 18.

Repeat to :-

Athens No 1744

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Jewish illegal immigration.

Suspect ship "PADUCAH",
which left BAYONNE (ostensibly
for LEGHORN) on 4th August
and called BONE 13th August
without (repeat without)
embarking passengers is now
in the Aegean shadowed by
H.M.S. Mermoid. Her position
at 0600 hours 18th August was
38 degrees 7 minutes NORTH 24 degrees
46 minutes EAST. She appeared
to be making for SMYRNA.

2. She was refused the 30
tons of fuel oil for which
she applied at BONE and
may now be running short. Please
request competent authorities to
deny her bunkers, should she
request.

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To request them.

3. (SOFIA and BUCHAREST only).)

(SOFIA and BUCHAREST only).
The may attempt to
embark Jewish illegal immigrants
from Bulgaria or Roumania.
Please warn Govts. to which
you are accredited and ask
them to take precautions against
landstine embarkation and to
detain ship if she puts into
port.

4. Full particulars of this ship are contained in Weekly list of suspect shipping.

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DEPARTMENTAL No. 1FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO ANGORA No. 693BUCHAREST No. 817SMYRNA No. 6SOFIA No. 1672

18th August 1947.

D. 3.35 p.m. 18th August 1947.

Repeated to Athens No. 1744

Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean

IMMEDIATE
CONFIDENTIAL

TTTTTT

Jewish illegal immigration.

Suspect ship "Paducah", which left Bayonne (ostensibly for Leghorn) on 14th August and called Bene 13th August without (repeat without) embarking passengers is now in the Aegean shadowed by H.M.S. Mermaid. Her position at 0600 hours 18th August was 38 degrees 7 minutes North 24 degrees 46 minutes East. She appeared to be making for Smyrna.

2. She was refused the 30 tons of fuel oil for which she applied at Bene and may now be running short. Please request competent authorities to deny her bunkers, should she request them.

3. [Sofia and Bucharest only].

She may attempt to embark Jewish illegal immigrants from Bulgaria or Roumania. Please warn Governments to which you are accredited and ask them to take precautions against clandestine embarkation and to detain ship if she puts into port.

4. Full particulars of this ship are contained in Weekly List of Suspect Shipping.

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ANGORA

Telegram.

No. 700

(Date) Aug 19th

Repeat to :—

Bucharest No 823

Sofia No 1080

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Cade.

Cypher.

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JB Aug 19

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My telegram no. 693 [of 18th August: Jewish illegal immigration]
I presume you have seen
the signal 181405B from C. in C.
Med. to Naval Attaché, suggesting
that Turkish Govt. should be
asked ~~to provide warship~~ to
shadow "PADUCAN" in Black Sea.
As ship has now entered Dardanelles,
this suggestion offers our only chance
of keeping her under observation.
2. If you see no objection,
please make request Turkish
Govt. to take this action.

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[Copy sent to Mr E Sec]

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DEPARTMENTAL No: 1

FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO ANGORA

No: 700

19th August 1947

D. 4.10.p.m. 19th August 1947

Repeated to Bucharest No: 825
Sofia No: 1080
Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean (via Admiralty)

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My telegram No: 693 [of 18th August:
Jewish illegal immigration].

I presume you have seen signal 181405B
from Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean to your Naval
Attaché, suggesting that Turkish Government should
be asked to shadow "Paducah" in Black Sea. As ship
has now entered Dardanelles, this suggestion offers
our only chance of keeping her under observation.

2. If you see no objection, please
request Turkish Government to take this action.

[Copy sent to Middle East Secretariat].

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BUCHAREST No 834

SOFIA No 1090

Immediate

En Clair

Telegram.

No.

(Date) Aug 20th

Repeat to :—

my telegram no. 700 to Angora
of 19th August: Jewish illegal
immigration

Ship ~~from~~ ^(left) BOSPHORUS
at 0600 hrs 20th August
apparently bound for CONSTANZA.

[Signature]
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[EN CLAIR]

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FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO BUCHAREST No: 834

SOFIA No: 1090

20th August 1947

D. 2.9.a.m. 21st August 1947

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IMMEDIATE

My telegram No: 700 to Angora [of 19th August:
Jewish illegal immigration].

Ship left Bosphorus at 0600 hours 20th August
apparently bound for Constanza.

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Telegram.

No. 848

(Date) Aug 23

Repeat to :—

ANGORA No - 209
SOFIA No - 1106

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Confidential

My telegram no. 834 [of
20th August: Jewish illegal
immigration] and your telegram
no. 875 [of 22nd August]
In case "PAOUCAH" succeeds

in embarking illegal immigrants
in spite of your representations
to Rumanian Govt., it will
be important to have reliable,
~~evidence~~ first-hand evidence
of this embarkation. Admiralty
~~exist the services of~~
suggest you should ~~employ~~
It is understood

ldr. COWGILL, who is understood to be available, for this purpose.

2. In reporting "PADUCAH's" arrival and further developments, please report your telegrams to ANGORA.
[Copy sent to M. E. Scott]
JB Aug 23

B. Aug 23

NOTHING TO BE WRITTEN IN THIS MARGIN.

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DEPARTMENTAL NO. 1.

FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO BUCHAREST.

No. 848

23rd August 1947. D. 3.50 p.m. 23rd August 1947.

Repeated to Angora No. 709
Sofia No. 1106

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IMPORTANT.

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My telegram No. 834 [of 20th August: Jewish
illegal immigration] and your telegram No. 875
[of 22nd August].

In case "Paducah" succeeds in embarking illegal
immigrants in spite of your representations to Roumanian
Government, it will be important to have reliable,
first-hand evidence of this embarkation. Admiralty
suggest you should enlist the services of Commander
Cowgill, who is understood to be available, for this
purpose.

2. When reporting "Paducah's" arrival and further
developments, please repeat your telegrams to Angora.

[Copy sent to Middle East Secretariat].

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AUG 1947

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FROM

No.

Dated

Received in Registry

E7531/84/31.

Consulate

Bordeaux.

6/

11 Aug
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8 P 'death lands'

Refers Paris tel 33 to Bordeaux (E7259/84/31).
Transmits copy of Bordeaux despatch no 29
of 11 Aug to Embassy Paris. Stating that
Panamanian colleague had sent in a long
report re 'death lands' and 'admiral'.
and would be counted on to transmit suspicion
that she intended to embark passengers.

Last Paper

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Robertson
~~Robertson~~
Excluded.
Aug 23rd.

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N 61.
(81/40/4/2)

HIS Majesty's Consul at Bordeaux
presents his compliments to H.M. Secretary of State
and has the honour to transmit to him the under-mentioned
documents.

British... Consulate,.....

Bordeaux.

11th. August, 1947.

Reference to previous correspondence:

Paris telegram No. 33 of 6th. August, 1947, to
Bordeaux, repeated to Foreign Office.

Description of Enclosure.

Name and Date.	Subject.
Copy of Bordeaux Despatch No. 29 dated 11th. August, 1947, to His Majesty's Ambassador at Paris.	Illegal Jewish immigration. E 7531 AUG 1947

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British Consulate,
15, Cours de Verdun,
Bordeaux.

11th. August, 1947.

With reference to Your Excellency's telegram No. 33 of August 6th. about illegal Jewish immigration, I have the honour to report that I was unable to call on my Panamanian colleague until this morning, when he returned from leave.

3. I have sent copy of this despatch to His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

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His Excellency,
The Right Honourable
A. Duff Cooper, D.S.O.,
etc., etc.,

(Signed) B.J.M. NAIRN. 104

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FROM

No.

Dated

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in Registry

E 7532/84/31.

Embassy

Paris. 706

13 Aug

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S.S. Paduanah.

Transmit copy of sub to my Foreign Office
no 739 of Aug 13. H.M.S. Paduanah has
arrived at Port Remond. Ministry that she
carries licence which forbids her to carry
passengers. Urges that ship be sent to North
Africa to prevent any passengers embarking
on the ship.

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(Minutes.)

now see E 7562

References

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1. Army command (Ankara Lt. 231042c) 23/8
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HIS Majesty's **Ambassador** at **Paris**
presents his compliments to **H.M.P.S. of S. for F.A.**
and has the honour to transmit to him the under-mentioned
documents.

British... **Embassy,**
..... **Paris**

E 7532

13th August 1947

Reference to previous correspondence:

Description of Enclosure.

Name and Date.	Subject.
Copy of Note to Ministry of Foreign Affairs No. 739 of 13th August, 1947.	Illegal Jewish immigration.

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13th August, 1947.

No. 732.

Immediate

His Majesty's Embassy present their compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and have the honour to invite the attention of the Ministry to their Note No. 726 of August 8th regarding the departure of the S.S. Paducah from Bayonne.

2. His Majesty's Embassy have now learnt that this vessel has arrived at Bône. The Ministry will recall that the Paducah, which is of Panamanian registry, holds a licence which forbids her to carry passengers. His Majesty's Embassy would therefore be grateful if the Ministry would arrange, as a matter of urgency, that instructions should be sent to the appropriate authorities in North Africa to prevent any passengers embarking on the ship.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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To C. in C. Portsmouth +
C. in C. Plymouth +
C. in C. Nore +

Date. 22.8.47.

Info. F.O. Gibraltar.
F.O. B.N.G.
C. in C. Med. Afloat and
Ashore.

PHOEBE.

NAVAL CYPHER (M) & P/L

From Admiralty

IMPORTANT +

A.M. 201246 can now be degraded to Unclassified.

221648A

for D.O.D.
(1015)

1st Lord.
1st S.L. (3)
4th S.L.
V.C.N.S.
A.C.N.S.
Secretary.
Naval Secretary.
U.S.S.
M. (6) & for F.O.
Colonial Offices.
Cabinet Offices.

O.D. (8)
D. of P. (2)
D. of P. (Q) (2)
D.N.I. (5)
D.C. (2)
M. Mails.
Hydrog. (2)
D. of S.T. (2) for Mr. Rennie.

Q.S.
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211402A August

Date 21.8.47

From C in C Portsmouth

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Addressed C in C Plymouth Cdr.D.Plymouth BURGHEAD
info Admiralty C in C Nore C in C Med.Afloat
C in C Med Ashore FO Gibraltar FOC BNG
Cdr.D.Portsmouth

My 211211A sailed.

211402A

V C N S
O D (8)
D C (2)
D S O
D N I (5)
M (8)
Mails
D.Mov (6)

/ Sailing Finisterre

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212203/August.

From C. in C. Plymouth.

Date 21.8.47.

Recd. 2230.

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Addressed Admiralty.
Info. F.O. Gibraltar. C. in C. Mediterranean.

My 211241/ Sailed.

212203

/ Re sailing of BURGHEAD BAY.

V.C.N.S.
O.D.(8).
D.N.I.(5).
D.C.(2).
M.(8).
Mails for action.
D. Mov.(6).
D.T.A.S.W.(3).

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251429A/August.

From C. in C. Med.

Date 25.8.47.

Time 1605.

N.S.C. O.T.P.

Addressed B.N.A. Ankara.
Info. Admiralty, A.B.N.A. Istanbul.

IMPORTANT.

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27 AUG 1947

I never expected Turkish Navy to shadow PADUCAH in Black Sea. Para 4 of my 181405 referred to their watching her if she went to a Turkish Port. Your 231042 refers.

251429A

Advance copies to D.C. R.C.
sent 1945.

1st Lord.
1st S.L. (3)
V.C.N.S.
A.C.N.S.
Naval Secretary.
Secretary.
U.S.S.
O.D. (8)
D.C. (2)
M. (8)
D.N.I. (5)
D. of P. (2)
D. of P. (Q)
C.N.I. (2)

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From B.H.A. Ankara at Istanbul

DATE 26/8/47

RECD 1707

NAVAL SHORE CODE OTP

Addressed C. in C. Med.
info Admiralty

✓ The first para. of my 231042 was caused by Foreign Office telegram No. 700 August 19th to H.E. The Ambassador.

2. In this telegram a specific proposal was made by Foreign Office that Turkish Government should be asked to shadow repetition shadow PADUCAN in Black Sea.

3. Your 251429 refers.

4.. Admiralty please pass.

2611380

1st Lord
1st S.L.(3)
V.C.N.S.
A.C.N.S.
Naval Secretary
Secretary
U.S.S.
O.D.(8)
D.C.(2)
M.(8)
D.N.I.(5)
D. of P.(2)
D. of P.(3)(2)
C.N.I.(2)

✓ Group omitted

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✓ Passing action being taken by War Registry

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ONE TIME PAD.

Recd. 27 Aug 47.

DTO. 271310 B Aug.

From:- BMM Roumania.

To:- War Office.

IMMEDIATE.

TOP SECRET. RAC 8316/4810.

For DMI.

67532 / 84 P1
130 AUG 1947

1. PR informed us 24th August that SS Paducah of 240 tons register flying Panamanian flag was expected to arrive shortly Roumanian port probably Constanza to embark illegal Jewish immigrants.

2. Intending immigrants believed in possession of forged Uruguayan visas.

3. Admiralty signalled us 25th August that Paducah had left Bosphorus for Constanza at 250600 G.

4. On 25th August we wrote to D Chairman ACC informing him of facts in paragraphs one and two and requested his cooperation to prevent embarkation of immigrants. We also requested that Roumanian port authorities be instructed in any case to apply provisions of Load Line Convention and International Convention for Safety of Life at Sea. This would reduce considerably capacity of Paducah.

5. PR has taken parallel action with Roumanian authorities.

6. Will inform you soonest any developments.

7. Please pass above to Admiralty.

Message Control.

Distn by M.I.3.

Copies to:-

M.O.1.4.

M.I.3.3a(2)3b.3c.

Foreign Office (Mr. Beith).

Colonial Office (Mr. Trafford Smith).

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ONE TIME PAD.

034061.

Recd:- 28 August 47.

From:- BMM Roumania.

D.T.O. 271315 B August.

To:- The War Office.

IMMEDIATE.

TOP SECRET. RAC 8317/4810.

Ref my RAC8316/4810 of 27 Aug.

Acting Commissioner saw General Zabelin this morning. Latter said that ACC know nothing of matter and as visas should have been sanctioned by ACC the departure of these people was illegal. He said ship would be taken under Russian control immediately on arrival at a Roumanian port. Acting Commissioner asked for promise from Zabelin that this illegal immigration would be stopped. Zabelin repeated that if visas were given they must have been given without ACC sanction. This was violation of existing regulations and they would take steps accordingly.

Message Control.

Distn by M.I.3.

Copies to:-

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Colonial Office (Mr. Trevelyan - Smith).

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PALESTINE

E 7562

AUG 1947

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Registry
Number

FROM

No.

Dated

Received
in Registry

E7562/84/31.

Embassy

Paris

710.

14 Aug
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S.S. "Podenach"

Transmit copy of note no 741 to my
Foreign Affairs of Aug 14 referring to note
no 739 (E7532/84/31) has now learnt that
Podenach has left Rome without passengers
and is steaming down North African Coast
Ask that further representations be made
to all Authorities in French North Africa.

Last Paper

7532

References

(Print)

(How disposed of)

(Action
completed)

(Initials)

Next Paper

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(Minutes.)

See also E 7532

In P.P. W.O. tel 93732 (1404) 16/8
 ~ Admiralty tel 161239 16/8
 ~ C.C. Med tel 161050 16/8
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- C.C. used -	181339	18/8
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W. O. A. 14026 21/8
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IMMEDIATE.

No. 710. ✓

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HIS Majesty's Ambassador at Paris.
presents his compliments to HMPS of St. for F.A.
and has the honour to transmit to him the under-mentioned
documents.

British.....Embassy.....
.....Paris.....
.....

14th August, 1947..

Reference to previous correspondence:

Note No. 739 to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
of the 13th August.

Description of Enclosure.

Name and Date.	Subject.
Copy of Note No. 741 to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, of the 14th August, 1947.	S.S. Paducah. E 7582 AUG 1947

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14th August, 1947.

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No. 741.

His Majesty's Embassy present their compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and have the honour to refer to their Note No. 739 of 13th August about the S.S. Paducah.

2. His Majesty's Embassy have now learnt that the Paducah has already left Bone, apparently without having embarked any passengers, and is steaming down the coast of North Africa in an Easterly direction. Early this morning (14/8) she was reported in a position off the coast of Tunisia. In view of the possibility that she may attempt to embark passengers from another North African port or from a point off the coast, His Majesty's Embassy would be grateful if the Ministry of Foreign Affairs would arrange for the instructions to prevent any passengers from embarking on this ship to be repeated to all the authorities in French North Africa who might be concerned.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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Desp. 16 Aug 47
 DTO 151400A/Aug.

Info: Tripoli District

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IMMEDIATE

OTIGS
VCIGS
DMO
DDMO(A)
MO1, 4(8)
DMI

MII 3, 4...
VQMG
Foreign Office (Mr. Beeley)
Colonial Office (Mr. Fitzgerald)
Admiralty (Mr. Dodds)

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161239A/August.

DATE: 16.8.47.

TO. C. in C. Med. (Afloat).
Info. C. in C. Med. (Malta).

NAVAL CYPHER (G).

From: Admiralty.

IMMEDIATE.

My 111800. Request Athens also be
informed.

161239A.

For Hd. of M. Branch. (808).

1st Lord.
1st S.I. (3).
V.C.N.S.
A.C.N.S.
Naval Secretary.
Secretary.
U.S.S.
O.D. (8).
D.J. (2).
D.N.I. (5).
D. of P. (2).
D. of P. (Q). (2).
C.N.I. (2).
M. (8) & for F.O. (Mr. J.E. Cable).

C.O. (Mr. J.D. Higham).
Cab. Off. (Cdr. W. Evershed).
M.I. 5. (Mr. T.A. Robertson)
W.O. (Lt. Col. The Hon. M.M.C. Charteris).

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161050B/August

From C. in C. Med. Afloat

DATE 16/8/47

RECD 1401

SECRET EX

Addressed MERMAID

info C. in C. Med., Malta, COMPAL, CARDIGAN BAY,
VERYAN BAY

Signal detailed information of any counter boarding arrangements visible in PADUCAH and your recommendations on softest places at which boarding can be attempted.

161050B

Advance copy sent D.C., R.C.

1st Lord
1st S.L.(3)
V.T.N.S.
A.C.N.S.
Naval Secretary
Secretary
U.S.S.
C.D.(8)
D.C.(2)

M.(8)
D.N.I.(5)
D. of P.(2)
D. of P.(Q)
C.N.I.(2)

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171730/August.

From C. in C. Mod. Malta.

Date 17.8.47.

Recd. 1820.

GENERALEX

Addressed MERMAID.
Info. C. in C. Mod. (Afloat). Admiralty. COMPAL.
H.B.N.M. Greece.

IMPORTANT

Use plain language for position course and speed signals if your own.

2. Signals containing illegal names, numbers or other shadowing information are to remain classified RESTRICTED or above.

171730

Advance copies sent D.C. - R.C.

V.C.N.S.
O.D.(8).
D.N.I.(5).
M.(8).
D.C.
R.C.

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181405B/August.

From C. in C. Med. Afloat.

Date 18.8.47.

Time 1500.

Naval Shore Cypher O.T.P.

Addressed B.N.A.Istanbul, B.N.A.Ankara.
Info. Malta. Admiralty.

IMMEDIATE.

PADUCAH suspected illegal immigrant ship.
Sailed from Bayonne and has been shadowed from West of Gibraltar.
Believed not to be carrying passengers and presumable has
plans for embarkation. Position, Course, and Speed at
0900B today Monday, 38 degrees 30 minutes North, 25 degrees
East 065 degrees 8 knots, H.M.S. MERMAID in company with
orders to report Position, Course, and Speed.

2. Keep Embassy informed.
3. She may be making for Turkish Port or to pass
through Bosphorus to Roumania or Bulgaria.
4. If she enters Turkish Port endeavour to have her
watched and make immediate report of any further movement.
Subject to concurrence of Ambassador you might consider
getting Turkish Navy to watch her.
5. Acknowledge.

181405B

A/C sent D.C. O.D. D.N.I. M.
1640/18th

1st Lord
1st S.L. (3)
V.C.N.S.
A.C.N.S.
Naval Secretary.
Secretary.
U.S.S.
O.D. (8)
D.C. (2)
M. (8)
D.N.I. (5)
D. of P. (2)
D. of P. (Q)
C.N.I. (2)

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Foreign Office (Mr. J. E. Cable)

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Recd. 1630

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IMMEDIATE

171032B

Advance Copies sent D.C. O.D. M.

1st Lord.
1st S.L. (3)
V.C.N.S.
A.C.N.S.
Naval Secretary.
Secretary.
U.S.S.
O.D. (8)
D.C. (2)
M. (8)
D.N.I. (5)
D. of P. (2)
D. of P. (Q)
C.N.I. (2)
W.R. File FOLI. 161116.

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151530/August

From TCOOGAY

Date 15.8.47

Recd. 1625

P/L

Addressed C. in C. Mod. (M), C. in C. Mod. (A), Admiralty,
TRIPDIST

IMMEDIATE

My position course and speed:-

36 degrees 27 minutes north
15 degrees 13.5 east
Course 093 degrees
Speed 8.4 knots.

151530

Advance copies sent, D.C., O.D., M.,
D.N.I. at 1640/15th August

V.C.N.S.
O.D. (8)
D.C. (2)
D.N.I. (5)
M. (2)

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From 10000AY

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DATE 15.8.47

TIME 2151

P/L

Addressed

**C in C Med.(M)
Info. KIWI. Admiralty. C. in C Med.(A) TRIPDIST.**

IMMEDIATE

**My position course and speed 36 degs 29 mins North
16 degs 10 mins East. 088 degs 8.2 knots.**

152101

Advance Copy. sent. D.C. R.C.

**V.C.N.S.
O.D.(8)
D.C.(2)
D.H.I(5)
M(2)**

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From TACOGAY.

161401A/August.

Date 16.8.47.

Recd. 1529.

P/L

Addressed C. in C. Med. (M).
Info. MERMAID. Admiralty. C. in C. Med. (A).

IMMEDIATE

My position course and speed.

36 degs. 19.5 mins. North.
19 degs. 06.5 mins. East.

090 degrees 8.4 knots.

161401A

V.C.H.S.
M.(8).
O.D.(8).
D.C.(2).
D.N.I.(5).

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160601A/August 16

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From

TEDEWAY.

DATE

16.8.47

TIME

0701

R/L

Addressed

C. in C Mod.(M)
Info. PRISON. Admiralty. C. in C Mod.(A)

URGENT

My position course and speed 36 degs 29.5 mins North,
27 degs 43.5 mins East 100 degs. 8.2 knots.

160601A

Advance copy sent. D.C.

V.C.B.S.
D.C.(2)
D.C.(2)
D.C.(2)
D.C.(2)
D.C.(2)

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162001A/August.

From: TACOGAN.

Date. 16. 8. 47.

Recd. 2125.

P/L

To. C. in C. Mediterranean (M)
Info. MERMAID, Admiralty, C. in C. Med. (A).

IMMEDIATE.

My Position course and speed. 36 degrees
17 point 5 mins. North 20 degrees 09 mins. E. 090.
8 point 5 knots.

162001A.

Advance Copy Sent. D.C.
2145.

V.C.N.S.
O.D. (8)
D.N.I. (5)
D.C. (2)
M. (2)

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161201A/August

Date 16.8.47.

From TOCOGAY.

N. Cypher 'M'.

Recd: 1535.

Addressed: C. in C. Med Malta.
Info: C. in C. Med. Afloat, Admiralty, H.M.S. MERMAID.

IMMEDIATE.

Position, course and speed 036 degs. 18 mins. North
018 degs. 50 mins. East.
090 degs. 4 knots. PADUCAH is exercising hand
steering gear.

161201A.

1st Lord.
1st S.L. (3)
V.C.N.S.
A.C.N.S.
Nav. Secretary
Secretary
U.S.S.
O.D. (8)
D.C. (2)
M. (8)
D.N.I. (5)
D. of P. (2)
D. of P. (2)
C.N.I.
R.C.

Advance copies sent to R.C. & D.C.

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170901B August

Date 17.8.47

From TOCOGAT

Rec'd. 0856

P/L

Addressed C in C Med (M)
info MERMAID C in C Med (A) Admiralty HBNM (G)

IMMEDIATE

237 degs Cape Matapan 11.1 miles 075 degs
8.5 miles.

170901B

Advance copy sent D C
R C

V C N S
O D (3)
D C (2)
D N I (5)
M (3)
R C

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From NERMAID

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DATE 27.8.47.

TIME 23.3.

P/L

Addressed C. in C. Med. (A)
Info: C. in C. Med. (M), Admiralty, COMPAI,
H.B.N.M. (G).

IMMEDIATE

Position course and speed ³⁷ degs. 31° North
24 degs. 06° East, 035 degs. 9.5 knots.

180001B

Advance copy sent R.O., D.O.

V.O.N. 2.
D.N.I. (5)
D.O. (2)
M. (2)
O.D. (8)

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171819B/August.

From MERMAID.

Date 17.8.47.

Reed. 1814.

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Addressed C. in C. Med. (A).
Info. C. in C. Med. (M). Admiralty. COMPAL. H.B.N.M.
(Greece).

IMMEDIATE

SITREP 3. Position of PADUCAH 36 degs. 53 mins. North.
23 degrees 21 mins. East. Course 045 degrees, Speed 8.8 knots.

171819B

Advance copies sent R.C. - D.C.

V.C.N.S.
O.D.(8).
D.N.I.(5).
M.(8).
D.C.(2).
D.C.

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171301B August

Date 17.3.47

From MBEIGMAID

Rec'd. 1355

SECRETEX BY W/T.

Addressed C in C Mod(A)
info C in C Mod.(M) Admiralty COMPAL HBNM Greece
TOCOGAY.

IMMEDIATE

SITREP ONE. Have taken over shadowing PADUCAH
in position 36 degs 22 mins north, 23 degs 07 mins east
course 098 speed 8.5 knots.

2. TOCOGAY proceeding in accordance with your
160954B (not to Admiralty)

171301B

Advance copy sent D.C., O.D., R.C.

1st S.L.(3)
V C W S
D C(2)
O D (3)
D N I (5)
M (3)
R C
C N I (2)

JVK
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171431B August

Date 17.8.47

From MERMAID

Rec'd. 1430

SECRETARY BY W/T

Addressed C in C Mod (A)
info C in C Mod. (M) Admir lty COMPAL HBNM(Greece);

IMMEDIATE.

SITREP TWO. Position of PADUCAN 36 degs
23 mins north, 23 degs 12 mins east course 020 speed
8.4 knots

171431B

Advance copy sent D.C., O.D., R.C.

V C H S
O D (3)
D C (2)
D N I (5)
M (3)
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181801E/AUGUST.

From: MERMAID.

Date: 18.8.47.

Recd: 1741

P/L

To: C. in C. Mediterranean.
Info H.B.N.M. (Greece), Admiralty, Palestine Commodore,
British Naval Attache Ankara, C. in C. Med. (M).

IMMEDIATE

position course and speed 38 degs. 47 mins. North
25 degs. 43 mins. East. 355 degs. 6 knots.

181801B

Advance Copy R.C. D.C.
at 1814/18th Aug.

V.C.N.S.
O.D.(8).
D.C.(2).
D.N.I.(5).
M.(8).
H.C.

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From MERMAID.

180601B/August.

Date 18.8.47.

Recd. 0550.

P/L

Addressed C. in C. Med. (A).
Info. C. in C. Med. (M). Admiralty. COMPAL.
H.B.N.M.(G).

IMMEDIATE

Position course and speed

38 degrees 7 minutes North.
24 degrees 46 minutes East.

030. 8 knots.

180601B

Advance copies sent D.C. - R.C.

V.C.N.S.
O.D.(8).
D.N.I.(5).
M.(8).
D.C.
R.C.

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182201B/August

From MERMAID

Date. 18.8.47.

Recd. 1141

P/L

To C. in C. Med. Afloat.
Info. Hd. of British Mission Greece. Admiralty. COMPAL.
C. in C. Med. (M)

IMMEDIATE

Position course and speed.

6 knots.

25 dogs *Recast* 38 degs 21 north 060.

182201B

V.C.N.S.
O.D. (8)
D.C. (2)
D.N.I.
M. (8)

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180905B/August

From MERMAID.

Date 18.8.47.

Recd: 0848.

P/L.

Addressed: C. in C. Med. (Afloat).
Info: Head of British Naval Mission, Greece, Admiralty,
Compal, C. in C. Med. (M).

Immediate.

Course 065.

180905B.

V.C.N.S.
O.D. (8)
M. (8)
D.N.I. (5)
D.C. (2)

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Foreign Office (m.f. E. Cable)

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From MERMAID

Date 19. 8. 47.
Received 0649

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Addressed C. in C. Med.(A).,
Info. C. in C. Med.(M)., Admiralty, H.B.N.M.(Greece).,
COMPAL, B.N.A. Ankara.

IMMEDIATE.

Ship entering Dardanelles a.m. on patrol.

190601B

Advance copies sent D.C., O.D., M., D.N.I.

1st Lord.
1st S.L. (3)
V.C.N.S.
A.C.N.S.
Secretary.
Naval Secretary.
U.S.S.
D.C. (2)
O.D. (8)
D.N.I. (5)
D. of P. (2)
D. of P. (Q) (2)
M. (8)
C.N.I.
R.C.

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181339B/August

From C in C. Med. (Afloat)

Date 18.8.47.

Rec'd 1358

SECRET

To: MERMAID
Info: Admiralty, C in C. Med. (Malta), H.B.N.M. Greece,
B.N.A. Ankara, B.N.A. Ankara at Istanbul.

IMMEDIATE

If PADUCAH enters Dardanelles or Turkish territorial waters you are not repetition not to follow, but patrol outside territorial waters.

2. Repeat ? your reports to B.N.A. Ankara.
3. Acknowledge.

181339B

Advance copy sent
D.C., O.D., M., D.N.I. at 1430/18.

1st Lord.
1st S.L.(3)
V.C.N.S.
A.C.N.S.
Naval Secretary
Secretary
U.S.S.
O.D.(8)
D.C.(2)
M.(8)
D.N.I.(5)
D. of P.(2)
D. of P.(Q)
C.N.I.(2)

DR.
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From C. in C. Med. Malta.

180913/August.

Date 18.8.47.

Time 1002.

Interservice Generalex.

Addressed COMPAL.

Info. C. in C. Med. Afloat, N.O.I.C. Port Said, A.N.A.
Istanbul, N.L.O. Milpal Greekmil for B.C.I.S.
N.A. Ankara.

IMMEDIATE.

PADUCAH at 0600 today Monday in position 38 degrees 7 minutes North, 24 degrees 46 minutes East, course 030, speed 8 knots. H.M.S. MERMAID shadowing.

2. A.N.A. Istanbul pass to N.A. Ankara.
3. Admiralty pass to A.N.A. Istanbul. /

180913.

/ Passing action being taken
by War Registry.

V.C.N.S.
O.D. (8)
D.C. (2)
D.N.I. (5)
M. (4)

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MESSAGE 190001Z/August.

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7562/84

RECEIVED

From **REDAID.**

DATE 19.8.47

TIME 0607

P/L

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Addressed C. in C. Med. Afloat.
Capt. Head of British Mission Greece, Admiralty,
GENERAL, B.N.A. Ankara, C. in C. Med. Malta.

URGENT.

Position course and speed 39 degs. 25 mins.
North 25 degs. 39 mins. East. 7.5 knots.

190001Z.

Advance copies sent R.C. D.C.

V.C.M.S.
O.D. (8).
D.N.I. (5).
D.C. (2).
N. (2).
R.C.

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191119B/August

From C.in C.Med. Afloat

DATE 19/8/47

RECD 1207

NAVAL GENERALEX

Addressed MERMAID
info Admiralty, C.in C.Med.Malta, F.O.D. H.B.N.M.G.
COMPAL, B.N.A.Ankara, ROWENA

IMPORTANT

Proceed forthwith to Halfa at economical speed reporting expected time of arrival.

2. COMPAL sail ROWENA to comply with my 270902 July not to all.

3. MERMAID and COMPAL acknowledge.

191119B

Advance copy sent D.C., O.D.,
M. and D.N.I. 1410/18

✗ Not identified

1st Lord
1st S.L.(3)
V.C.N.S.
A.C.N.S.
Naval Secretary
Secretary
U.S.S.
O.D.(8)
D.C.(2)
M.(8)
D.N.I.(5)
D.of P.(2)
D.of P.(2)
C.N.I.(2)

B.A.

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FROM: War Office
TO : C-in-C MELF
INFO: GOC MALTA
TRIPOLI DISTRICT

DTO 211245 A/Aug
Desp. 21 Aug 47

SECRET 94026 (M04)

Reference our 93239(M04) dated 11 Aug.
S.S. PADUCAH passed out of BOSPHORUS bound for COSTANZA
at 0600 hrs 20 Aug

Message Control

IMMEDIATE

Copies to:- CIGS
VCIGS
DMO
DDMO(A)
MO1, 4(8)
DMI
MI 1, 3, 4.
VQMG
Foreign Office (Mr Beeley).
Colonial Office (Mr Fitzgerald).
Admiralty (Mr. Dodds).

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From B.N. Ankara at Istanbul.

Date. 20-8-47.

Recd. 1140.

N. S. C. O. T. P.

To. C. in C. Med. Afloat.
Inf. S.O. (I) L.E.M., C. in C. Med. Malta, H.B.N.M. Greece.
Cdr. Palestine, Admiralty.

IMMEDIATE.

Panamarian S.S. PADUCAH passed out of Bisphorns
without stopping at 0600 bound for Constanza.

Admiralty/ please pass to all.

201037C.

✓ Passing action being taken
by War Registry.

Advance copy sent D.C. O.D.
D.N.I., M.

1st Lord.
1st S.L. (3)
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D.B.

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20 AUG 1947

PALESTINE

Registry
Number

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FROM

Stockholm

No.

(Lancaster)

Dated

5-4/11/47

Received

in Registry 13 Aug

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SAN BASILIO

Transmit note from K.F.M. while showing
that he has done all possible to delay
the "Pan Amco" at Gatterburg Legation
which he will have at least all the
difficulties which "Administrative delays"
can make for it.

Last Paper

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References

(Print)

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8/ Higham 80.

Robertson 1115

Lancaster 6011.

Aug 26

W.H. Chamberlain

Stockholm

Sept. 1.

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E 7674

(Minutes.)

Copies:

C.O.

M.I.5

Cabinet

Office

usual
names

and re-submit with p.p.

20/8

This sounds very
better to Stockholm.

satisfactory.

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BRITISH LEGATION,

STOCKHOLM.

13th August, 1947.

20 AUG 1947

54/116/47

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Dear Eastern Department,

We gather that you are particularly suspicious that the "San Basilio" at Gothenburg may take part in the illegal immigration traffic to Palestine.

As you will see from the enclosure, White has tied her up as tight as he can and we think she will have at least all the difficulties which "administrative delays" can make for her.

Yours ever,

STOCKHOLM CHANCERY.

Eastern Department,
Foreign Office.

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11th August, 1947

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Dear Henderson,

Our telephone conversation of 9th August and Reuterdaahl's letter 54/104/47 of 1st August about Palestine illegal immigration traffic.

I called on the Landshövding, Malte Jaconsson, on the 8th instant and passed on the gist of your note No. 103 to the Swedish Foreign Minister. I told him that the presence of the s.s. "San Basilio" in Gothenburg harbour was a matter of concern to us and that we were anxious to be kept fully informed about her movement and intended employment. If the owners did succeed in obtaining a national registry certificate, I should request that the ship be detained for inspection under the two international conventions mentioned in your note No. 103. The Governor expressed sympathy and promised to look into the matter.

Later in the day I obtained an undertaking from the Director of the Port, that in conjunction with the Chief of the Customs, and the local Shipping Office he would examine the question of the "San Basilio" and agree on a line of action in case of need. I expect to hear further from him.

We know that the Police are keeping a close watch on the "San Basilio". She has at present no certificate of registry, and without one, she may not leave her present moorings. Only the Greek master named Constantoras and two men are on board. If she were detected attempting to slip down the river, she would be stopped by force, if necessary by a ship from the Naval Station.

The Gothenburg Agents for the "San Basilio" Blidberg and Metcalfe, have blandly assured the local press that there is no foundation for the report that the vessel is to join in the Palestine traffic. But neither they nor the Master can give any indication of the purpose for which she is to be employed, because they are apparently without advice from the owners. It is claimed that the "San Basilio" is seaworthy, and a certificate of registry may be conjured up from somewhere. Even so she will not be allowed to sail until

- a) She has found a crew
- b) She has proved satisfactory from the safety and load-line angles,
- c) She has got a river pilot.

I think I am safe in saying that before these conditions were complied with, I should have learnt of her intentions from one or the other of the various authorities interested in her.

Yours ever,

(K.J.M. White)

J.Thyne Henderson Esquire,
British Legation,
STOCKHOLM.

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No. E 7638/84/31

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Draft.

To
Stockholm
Blomery
from
Eastern Dept.

J.E.C.

OUT FILE

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12th Sept 94

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Dear Blomery,
Thank you for your
letter no. 54/116/47 of
13th August, enclosing White's
account of the steps taken
by the Swedish authorities
to detain the "San Basilio"
at Gothenburg.

2. We are particularly
suspicious of this ship and
your news was, therefore, all
the more welcome.

Yours ever
Eastern Dept.

J.E.C. 29/8

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FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

1st September, 1947.

(E 7638/84/31)

CONFIDENTIAL.

Dear Chancery,

Thank you for your letter No. 54/116/47 of the 13th August, enclosing White's account of the steps taken by the Swedish authorities to detain the "San Basilio" at Gothenburg.

2. We are particularly suspicious of this ship and your news was, therefore, all the more welcome.

Yours ever,

EASTERN DEPARTMENT.

The Chancery,
British Legation,
Stockholm.

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PALESTINE

21 AUG 1947

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FROM

No.

Dated

Received
in Registry

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Blankney

Washington

54/1/47

Aug 14

21 Aug

Principle of Replacement.

Refers to letter (687/84/31) have been trying to extract information about U.S. practice on this question from legal advisers at State Dept. However is evidently due at last report to a heavy burden of work but suspect some due to maladministration of subject of enquiry. Will continue to press.

Last Paper

7678

References

(Print)

(How disposed of)

(Minutes.)

ca 2/8
N.A. Dept.
Mr Vincent Evans
JESF
28/8

Huble
(C.E. TABLE)
21/8

JB Aug 21

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completed)

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BRITISH EMBASSY.

WASHINGTON 8, D. C.

14th August 1947

CONFIDENTIAL
Ref: 84/ /47

E 7674

21 AUG 1947

Dear Department,

Will you please refer to your letter
E 6687/84/31 of 30th July to the U.K. Delegation
at New York about the principle of refoulement.

Ever since you first raised the matter
in April we have been trying to extract information
about United States practice on this question from
the legal advisers at the State Department (since
we feel that nothing less than a semi-official view
will have sufficient authority to be of value to
you). Their slowness is evidently due at least in
part to a heavy burden of work, but we suspect that
some of it may also be due to a realization of the
object of our enquiry, which was of course made
only in general terms, and may therefore be parallel
to the slowness of the Justice Department in
considering our general complaints about aid from
U.S. nationals and organizations for illegal
immigration into Palestine.

We will continue to press for an early reply.

We are sending a copy of this letter to
the U.K. Delegation at New York.

Yours ever,

CHANCERY

Eastern Department,
Foreign Office,
London, S.W.1.

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PALESTINE

E 7755

22 AUG 1947

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E 7755/84/31.

TELEGRAM FROM

No.

Dated

Received
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Rev. D. Kelly
Angora
589.
21 Aug
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References.

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Rel Angora 713
Reld Budapest 854
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Copy to: Minister
Angora 713. Aug 30.

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completed.)

PSM 21/8.

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7771.

SS Poduroch

W.S.
D.B.

Refers 40 Oct 693 and 700 (E 7521/84/31)
Poduroch has entered Black Red Board for
Constanta. Commenced, impossible to persuade
Turkish Govt to shadow her in block 410.
As soon as my Foreign Affairs is open Aug 22
will communicate details of Poduroch's voyage
and ask Turkish Govt to take action.

(Minutes.)

Please see minutes at E 7521.
I now submit draft telegram to Angora.

C.J.E. CABLE

JB Aug 25 25/8

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DEPARTMENTAL NO.1

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FROM ANGORA TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Sir D. Kelly
No. 589

D. 8.58 p.m. 21st August, 1947.
R. 8.30 p.m. 21st August, 1947.

21st August, 1947.

///

IMPORTANT

CONFIDENTIAL

E 7755

Following received from Istanbul (Constantinople)
telegram No. 24 August 21st.

[Begins]

Your telegrams Nos. 693 and 700: Illegal immigrant
ship Paducah.

2. Owing to public holiday it has been impossible
to get in touch with anybody at Ministry of Foreign Affairs
or General Staff. Doorkeeper in charge of Ministry
insisted he was not qualified to receive [gp.undec.
?official communication]. Naval Attaché has however
communicated with port Admiral who controls the Bosphorus.

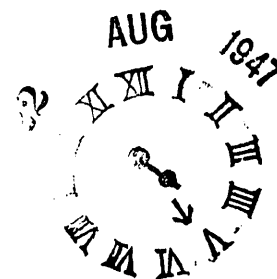
3. Meanwhile Paducah has entered Black Sea bound
for Constantza. Naval Attaché is convinced (and so am I)
that it would be impossible to persuade Turkish Government
[?to] shadow her in Black Sea. Moreover this seems
unnecessary since she cannot emerge from Black Sea
without passing through the Bosphorus when she will
immediately come under observation again.

4. As soon as Ministry of Foreign Affairs re-open
August 22nd I shall communicate details of Paducah's
voyage to them and ask Turkish Government to take any
possible steps to frustrate her suspected intention of
carrying illegal immigrants to Palestine.

5. As vessel will presumably not require bunkers
in Turkey I see no prospect of Turkish Government
preventing her transit to Aegian Sea but we shall know
in advance when she will emerge.

6. Naval Attaché is keeping interested Naval
Authorities fully informed.

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F. O.,

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OUT FILE

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Despatched

M

ANGORA

No. V 713

(Date) Aug 25

Repeat to :—

Buchanan No 854

Sofia No 1113.

c. in of Med.

Adhy. agree

En Clair.

Code.

Cypher.

Distribution :—

Departmental no. 1

Copies to :

I. I. P.

Important
Confidential

your telegram no. 589 [of 21st August: Jewish illegal immigration]

We are endeavouring to hold up "PADUCAH" at whatever Black Sea port she makes for, but we must envisage possibility of her returning through the Straits either empty or loaded with illegal immigrants.

with immigrants.

2. If empty, ~~we want to~~
stop here by ~~our purpose~~
~~will be to~~ ~~her future~~
~~activities~~ by denying her fuel,
provisions and other facilities. Fuel
will probably be her greatest ~~need~~ ^{difficulty},
provided she obtains none in the Black
Sea, ~~as~~ ^{as} she has not refuelled since
leaving BAYONNE. ~~Please make~~
~~refutations to the Turkish Govt~~
~~accordingly.~~

3. If ~~however~~ she returns with illegal immigrants on board, Turkish authorities ~~might~~ ^{should we suggest} make use of

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3148 Wt. 26469/137 50m 9/46 (51) F.&S.

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101 of sanitary inspection ^{required} ~~authorized~~
by Article 3 of Montreux
Convention to bring her into
a Turkish port. Once these
International Conventions for the
safety of life at sea and
concerning Load-Lines ^{can} ~~might~~
be invoked to deny her
~~passage through~~ ^{clearance} ~~straits~~ as
unseaworthy and overcrowded. She
should then presumably be
sent back to her port of
departure. Please request Turkish Govt.
to do all they can to hold the ship up on

4. H. M. Representatives at
Sofia and Bucharest have been
requested to keep you informed
of "PAOUCAH's" movements and
action taken by Govts to
which they are accredited.
5. I attach great importance to
stopping this ship

10 Aug 25

the lines
indicated above
or by any other
methods which
may suggest
themselves on
the spot.

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DEPARTMENTAL NO.1.

FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO ANGORA

No. 718

August 25th, 1947. D. 4.00 p.m. August 25th, 1947.

Repeated to Bucharest No. 854
Sofia No. 1113
Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean

SSSSS

IMPORTANT

CONFIDENTIAL

Your telegram No. 589 [of 21st August: Jewish
illegal immigration].

We are endeavouring to hold up "Paducah" at whatever Black Sea port she makes for, but we must envisage possibility of her returning through the Straits either empty or loaded with illegal immigrants.

2. If empty, we want to stop her by denying her fuel, provisions and other facilities. Fuel will probably be her greatest difficulty provided she obtains none in the Black Sea, as she has not refuelled since leaving Bayonne.

5. If she returns with illegal immigrants on board, Turkish authorities should we suggest make use of sanitary inspection required by Article 8 of Montreux Convention to bring her into a Turkish port. Once there International Conventions for the Safety of Life at Sea and concerning Load-Lines can be invoked to deny her clearance as unseaworthy and overcrowded. She should then presumably be sent back to her port of departure. Please request Turkish Government to do all they can to hold the ship up on the lines indicated above or by any other methods which may suggest themselves on the spot.

4. His Majesty's Representatives at Sofia and Bucharest have been requested to keep you informed of "paducah" movements and action taken by Governments to which they are accredited.

5. I attach great importance to stopping this ship.

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E 7771

PALESTINE

23 AUG 1948

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TELEGRAM FROM

No.

Bucharest

Dated

875

Received
in Registry22 Aug
23W.S.
B.B.

S.S. Poduacch
 Rept #V to 834 (E7521/84/31) Poduacch
 have arrived at Constanta last night. reliable
 information indicates departure of party
 of unknown size which is said to possess
 Uruguayan visas. Also taken up strongly
 with Romanian Govt to prevent embarkation.

Last Paper.

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(Minutes.)

Referred to Moscow and
 Telegram sent to Moscow and Bucharest

[Signature]
 23/8

References.

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* 8/ I.I. Dis.
 Aug 25.
 3rd) Bucharest 4052.
 23rd Aug.
 8/ I.I. Dis. Aug 25.
 3rd) Moscow 42718
 Aug 23.
 8/ I.I. P. Aug 25.
 * Repts to Moscow
 Bucharest 402779
 Aug 23. I.I.O.

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Sofia. 1133.

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(Date).....

(Despatched).....M.

(1) TELEGRAM SECTION,
FOREIGN OFFICE.

Please repeat to the posts shown below telegram No. 875
from/to Bucharest dated 22nd August

..... MOSCOW No. 2779 (Date) 23/8/87

..... No.....

..... No.....

(Signed) 

(Dept.).....~~Eastern~~

(Date).....23/8.....

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DEPARTMENTAL NO. 2.

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Mr. Holman
No. 875.
August 22nd, 1947.

D. 11.42 a.m. August 22nd, 1947.
R. 1.50 p.m. August 22nd, 1947.

Repeated to Angora
B.M.E.O. Cairo
Jerusalem

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Your telegram No. 834.

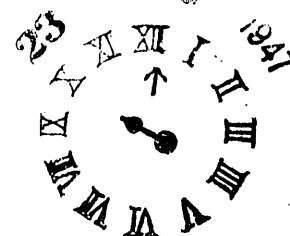
S.S. Funducuh due to arrive at Constantza last night. Although there is no visible concentration of Jewish emigrants at Constantza, reliable information indicates departure of a party of unknown size which is said to possess Uruguayan visas.

2. I have taken the matter up in strong terms with the Roumanian Government and the harbour authorities at Constantza have been requested to prevent embarkation from Constantza or other Roumanian port. They have promised to put special guards on the ship and berth her in prominent position, but the harbour master obviously cannot prevent embarkation unless Central Government instructs him to do so. I regret I have no confidence that it will, under the present circumstances, especially as Soviet clearance is a prerequisite to departure and once this is granted the Roumanian Government dares not contest it even if it wished to do so.

Foreign Office please repeat to Ankara, B.M.E.O.
Cairo and Jerusalem as my telegrams Nos. 14, 11, 36
respectively.

[Repeated to Angora and B.M.E.O. Cairo.]

[Copies sent to Telegraph Section Colonial Office
for transmission to Jerusalem.]



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Telegram.

No. 2778

Date. Aug 23.
Cypher.

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Angora. 712

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Copy to:

I. I. P.

FOREIGN OFFICE S.W.1.

August, 1947.

IMPORTANT

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8 2 P M.

Jewish Illegal Immigration.

S.S. "Paducah, a Panamian ex-coast guard cutter of 252 tons nett owned by the Montrose Shipping Company of New York, left ~~RAYONNE~~ ^{Bajan} on the 4th August, ostensibly for Leghorn. She had 80 tons of provisions and 500 life-saving appliances on board ~~and as well as~~ carries a quantity of barbed wire, the latter presumably intended for defence against boarding. She called at Bone on 13th August, where the French authorities, at our request, refused her fuel and provisions. She was expected to arrive at ~~C~~ ^Konstanza on 21st August to embark Jewish illegal immigrants for Palestine.

2. Our purpose is now to prevent her embarking Jews in Roumania and to detain her there as long as possible, by inducing local authorities to deny her fuel and provisions and to hold her for non-compliance with international conventions for the safety/

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safety of life at sea and respecting load lines. Bucharest telegram No. 875 suggests that Roumanian Government will not comply with our request unless Russian attitude is favourable. Please request Government to which you are accredited to instruct their representative to support our request to Roumanian Government.

[Signature]
23/8

[Copy sent to ME Secretariat]

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Telegram.

No. 852

Date. Aug 23

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FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

August, 1947

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8.40 P.M. 23/8

Your telegram No. 875 of 22nd August:
Jewish illegal immigration.

I presume you are approaching your
Uruguayan colleague about the Uruguayan
visas alleged to be in the possession of
Jews wishing to embark, as reported in
your telegram under reference. Experience
suggests that these are probably forged.

[Signature]
23/8

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FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO BUCHAREST

No. 852
23rd August, 1947

D. 8.40 p.m. 23rd August, 1947

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IMMEDIATE

Your telegram No. 875 [of 22nd August: Jewish
illegal immigration].

I presume you are approaching your Uruguayan
colleague about the Uruguayan visas alleged to be in
the possession of Jews wishing to embark, as reported
in your telegram under reference. Experience suggests
that these are probably forged.

[Copy sent to Middle East Secretariat]

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Telegram.

No. 136

(Date) Aug 27

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Sofia No 1133.

Moscow No 2812.

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Bucharest telegram no. 875
and Moscow telegram no. 1920
[of 22nd and 27th August: Jewish
illegal immigration]

H.M. Representatives in Moscow
and Bucharest would be assisted
in their efforts to prevent ~~embarkation~~
S.S. PADUCAH from embarking Jewish
illegal immigrants in Roumania,
if Uruguayan Govt. could be
persuaded to give an assurance
that ~~they have not authorized~~
~~that no authority has been given~~
the issue of any appreciable
number of visas to Jews in
Roumania.

2. While I hope that ~~Politically~~
It may not be possible for H.M.
Representative in Bucharest to
obtain ~~full details~~ ^{detailed} confirmation
of the report in his telegram
under reference in time to take
effective action. ~~You should, therefore,~~
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If, therefore, Uruguayan Govt. are
able to give a general assurance
as suggested above, you should
ask them to do so as soon
as possible and to communicate
it to the Govt. of the U.S.S.R.

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M. Holman
Bucharest

877
Aug 23
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S.S. "PAONCAH"

After Bucharest tel 875 (E 7775/84/31) I have
informed that at "Paoncah" is at a Bulgarian
port and is due to arrive Constantza for
bunkers and emigrants in near future. The
will probably stay at Constantza for at least
14 days.

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FROM BUCHAREST TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Mr. Holman
No. 877

D. 9.52 a.m. August 23rd, 1947.

August 23rd, 1947.

R. 11.40 a.m. August 23rd, 1947.

Repeated to British Middle East Office Cairo
Jerusalem
Angora
Sofia

SSSSS

IMMEDIATE

My telegram No. 875.

I am now informed that Paducah is at a Bulgarian port and is due to arrive at Constantza for bunkers and emigrants in the near future.

She will probably stay at Constantza for at least four days.

Foreign Office please repeat to British Middle East Office Cairo, Jerusalem and Angora as my telegrams Nos. 12, 37 and 15 respectively.

[Repeated to British Middle East Office
Cairo and Angora]

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Bucharest

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19 Aug

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SS 'Poduroch'

Refer 406/ 817 (E7521/84/31) transmit
copy of No. 6 Verbal n. 99 of Aug 19. Asking
Romanian Govt to prevent illegal embarkation
on 'Poduroch' and to refuse to supply her
with bunkers.

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349/19/47. Political

HIS Majesty's Representative at Bucharest.
presents his compliments to H.M. Sec. of State for F.A.
and has the honour to transmit to him the under-mentioned documents.

Office of the

British.....British Political Representative, 118

.....Bucharest.....

19th August, ..., 194..7..

Reference to previous correspondence:

F.O. telegram No. 817.

Description of Enclosure.

Name and Date.	Subject.
Note Verbale to M.F.A. No. 99 dated 19th August.	Regarding vessel named "Paducah" suspected of being engaged in illegal immigration.

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Office of the British
Political Representative,
Bucharest.

No. 99
(349/19/47)

19th August, 1947.

NOTE VERBALE

The Office of the British Political Representative at Bucharest presents its compliments to the Roumanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and has the honour to inform the Ministry that a vessel named the "Paducah", flying the Panamanian flag, strongly suspected of being engaged in the illegal immigration traffic to Palestine, is now in Levant waters and may attempt to embark illegal Jewish immigrants from Roumanian waters.

2. This Office is directed by His Britannic Majesty's Government to request the Roumanian Government to prevent illegal embarkation on this vessel should she arrive in Roumanian waters and to refuse to supply her with bunkers should she seek to obtain them at a Roumanian port.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs,

Bucharest.



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Danell Wilson

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92.

19. Aug

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S.S. Paducah

Refers Algeria tel 78(E7459/84/31) as
result of representations, local authorities at
Bône refused to supply ship with 30 tons
of food oil, and cut down supply of fresh
provisions to a very small quantity.

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Copies to :

~~M.I.S~~

Cabinet Office

usual
names

This is the first time any French authority has denied fuel and food to ~~an~~ a suspect ship.

I submit draft despatch giving
Algiers the information asked for in
their para. 6. I am taking up with
the Admiralty the question of lack
of warning. C. in C. Med. was supposed
to signal Algiers direct.

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(J.E. CABLE)

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ALGIERS.

19th August, 1947.

No. 92

E 7779

25 AUG

Sir,

With reference to my telegrams No. 78 of the 13th August and No. 79 of the 14th August, I have the honour to report that the illegal Jewish immigrant ship "Paducah", flying the Panamanian flag, arrived at Bone on the morning of the 13th August, leaving the same evening at 1700 hours.

2. While this ship arrived and left without any passengers on board, it is stated that deck houses and superstructure had been built up to enable her to carry up to 2,000 passengers in conditions of overcrowding.

3. I first learned of this ship's arrival by a telephone message from Mr. Bowker, the Vice-Consul at Bone, and instructed him to do all that he could with the local authorities to prevent this ship from embarking any immigrants or receiving any supplies such as oil fuel, provisions etc. I got into touch with the Acting Governor-General of Algeria, Monsieur Pelabon, and informed him of the ship's arrival at Bone, at the same time drawing attention to a letter which I had written to him on the 6th August informing him of the ship's departure from Bayonne on the 4th August, ostensibly for Leghorn, and requesting that all measures be taken to prevent her embarking clandestine immigrants. I pointed out that, now that the "Paducah" had arrived at Bone, it was manifest that she had given a false clearance to the French Customs authorities at Bayonne, and therefore requested that no facilities be granted to her and that she be prevented from embarking any passengers.

4. As a result of this the local authorities at Bone refused to supply the "Paducah" with 30 tons of oil fuel requested, and cut down the supply of fresh provisions to a very small quantity barely sufficient for a few days for Captain Padzert and his crew of 38, most of whom are stated to be Jewish American citizens originating from various countries. Similarly a request from the ship for 100 loaves of bread was refused, but she was allowed to take on board 90 tons of water, as it is apparently a tradition of the sea that water shall never be refused to a ship which needs it.

5. Foreign Office telegram No. 56 of the 13th August was only received by me on the following morning after the "Paducah" had left Bone without any passengers on board. In view of the fact that this ship was empty of any passengers the French authorities could see no real grounds upon which they could delay her departure, although the intention of the voyage was quite clear.

6. In case some other illegal immigrant ship should call at an Algerian port at some future time with passengers on board, I should be glad to learn whether there are any definite grounds upon which I could approach the local authorities, who are well disposed and cooperative, to take all possible administrative measures to delay or prevent her departure.

7. Copies of this despatch are being sent to His Majesty's Ambassador at Paris, the Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean and His Majesty's Consuls General at Rabat and Tunis.

I have the honour to be,
with the highest respect, Sir,
Your most obedient, humble Servant,

The Right Honourable
Ernest Bevin, M.P.,
etc., etc., etc.

Darrell Gibson

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To
H.M. Consul-General
Algiers

No. 50

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Paris } without
C.O. } enclosures
M.I.S. }
Rabat Office }

Sir,

In your despatch no. 92 of the 19th August, ~~about~~ reporting the ~~main~~ visit to BONE of the S.S. PAOUCAH, you enquired whether there were any general grounds on which you could request the local authorities to take steps to detain vessels suspected of complicity in the Jewish illegal immigration traffic.

2. In making such representations to foreign Govts. or to local authorities abroad, the most important factor is inevitably the willingness of those concerned to cooperate. There are no provisions in International Law obliging them to detain a suspected ship, but provisions do exist which give such authorities power to do so, if they desire. The same ^{often} is true of municipal law and you should, therefore, consult your local legal adviser in order to ascertain

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7 "SAN JOSE"
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(a) The means whereby a ship suspected of complicity in this traffic could legally or administratively be detained in an U.K. port;

(b) The measures actually taken to detain such a ship in an U.K. port;

(c) The measures actually taken ~~to detain~~ by the Danish authorities to detain such a ship in a Danish port;

are enclosed herein.

~~the~~ You will see from
these letters that there is no
lack of means, provided the
will to cooperate is present.

On the other hand, your representations to the Acting Governor-General of ~~the~~ the port of Algeria were, of all those now previously made to various French authorities, the first. The action taken by the Algerian authorities to deny fuel and provisions to the "PADOUAH" was the first instance in which any French authority had complied with any of the ~~innumerable~~ ^{innumerable}

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125 ~~innumerable requests to this~~
~~effect which have repeatedly~~
~~been made by H.M. Representatives.~~
~~in metropolitan~~ **NP 54** ~~you are~~
~~glad if you will~~ express my
~~most~~ appreciation of the
 friendly assistance lent to you by the
 local authorities and ~~you should~~, at the
 same time, explain to the
 authorities concerned the various
 methods of detaining suspect
 ships indicated above and
 invite them to make use of
 them should the occasion arise.
 It is, for instance, possible that, if
 the S.S. NORTH LANDS (whose particulars
 are contained in the Weekly List
 of Suspect Shipping) ~~may~~ ~~succeeds~~
~~in~~ ~~leave~~ manages to leave
 BAYONNE, she may follow the
 same course as the "PADUCAH".

6. I am sending copies
 of this dispatch (without its
 enclosures) to H.M. Ambassador in
 Paris and (with its enclosures)
 to H.M. Consul General in Tunis
 and Rabat.

I am etc

(Sgt) P. L. Gossan
 13 Aug 26

I shall be
 glad if you
 will

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In your despatch No. 22 of the 10th August, reporting the visit to some of the L. . Radush, you enquired whether there were any general grounds on which you could request the local authorities to take steps to detain vessels suspected of complicity in the Jewish illegal immigration traffic.

2. In making such representations to foreign governments or to local authorities abroad, the most important factor is inevitably the willingness of those concerned to co-operate. There are no provisions in international law obliging them to obtain a respected ship, but provisions do exist which give such authorities power to do so, if they desire. The same is often true of municipal law and we should therefore consult your local legal adviser in order to ascertain whether any provisions of the Algerian law could usefully be invoked in such cases.

3. The International C. C., however, did not say the Government rely principally on the international conventions for the safety of life at sea and that respecting red-lines, to both of which there is a signal flag. A copy of a despatch describing the use to be made of these conventions is enclosed herein. The principal weakness of these conventions is that they provide relatively little justification for the detention of a ship which has not yet embarked her ill-fated passengers and crew, therefore, yet violated these conventions. In such cases it is necessary to fall back on administrative measures which, although they can not only be legally justified on one pretext or another, will only be adopted when the Government or local authority concerned is willing to co-operate fully.

- (a) the means whereby a ship suspected of complicity in this traffic could legally or administratively be detained in an allied or neutral port;
- (b) the measures actually taken to detain such a ship in an allied or neutral port;
- (c) the measures actually taken by the British authorities to detain such a ship in a British port;

are enclosed herein. You will see from these letters that

there.

R. Darrell Wilson, Esq.,
etc., etc., etc.
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6. I am sending copies of this despatch (without its enclosures) to His Majesty's Ambassador at Paris and (with its enclosures) to His Majesty's Consuls-General in Tunis and Rabat.

(090) P. Gannon

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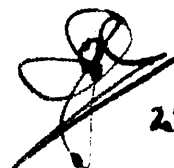
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Reps 70 tel 852 (E 7771/84/31) state that
 is no Uruguayan representative in Roumania,
 have already pointed out that Roumanian Govt
 that such visas are probably forgeries, or
 visas issued by a person not qualified to grant
 them. Military mission are requesting strict control
 Commission & prevent embarkation of illegal immigrants.

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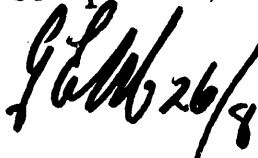
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FROM BUCHAREST TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Mr. Holman.
No. 889

D. 11.20 a.m. 25th August, 1947

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Repeated to Angora

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Your telegram No. 852.

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25 AUG 1947

Paducah.

There is no Uruguayan representative in Roumania.

2. We have already pointed out to the Roumanian Government that such visas if indeed held, are probably forgeries or visas issued by a person not qualified to grant them, and I have drawn the Minister for Foreign Affairs' personal attention to the case.

3. The Military Mission are requesting Allied Control Commission to prevent the embarkation of these illegal immigrants.

Foreign Office please repeat to Angora as my telegram No. 16.

[Repeated to Angora].

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From B.M.M. Roumania.

Date 29.8.47.
Received 1232

P.L.

Addressed Admiralty.

IMPORTANT.

RAC8323/(?) 01. Your 251742 re s.s. PADUCAH not yet arrived at Constanta believed to be in a Bulgarian port. All possible steps to prevent embarkation of illegal Jewish immigrants are being taken. Bucharest telegrams to Foreign Office Nos. 889 Aug. 25th 877 Aug. 23rd. and 875 Aug. 22nd. refer. RAC8316 and 8317/4810 Aug. 27th to War Office also refer.

Request you inform other Naval authorities interested.

281245B

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Conrad General
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Marseilles re illegal immigrant shipping
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20th August, 1947.

Dear Chancery,

"PAN YORK"

"CHIARINA MADRE"- No change.

"BURHANIYE" - (Reference Foreign Office telegram No. 117 to Marseilles repeated to you saving).

He received orders from his Government to arrest her for non-payment of taxes, and actually went to Port de Bouc to immobilise her by removing an essential part of her engines. The Master thereupon produced an order from the Turkish Courts suspending the previous judgment, which order has been confirmed to the Turkish Consul-General by his Government.

It seems/...

The Chancery,
British Embassy,
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FROM

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G.A. Bramley
Embassy
Paris.
22 Aug
26Illegal Immigrant Ships.Transmits copy of letter from Paris
Embassy to Mr. Eligio Oceana Vito
of Aug 19 enclosing "Daily Mail" article
of Aug 14, re use of Panamanian flag
by Illegal Immigrant Ships.

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This is shock-tactics. I wonder
if it will have any effect.

N.A. D.H.

Fable
(J.E. CABLE)
27/8

JB Aug 27

We have had no protest from the Panamanian
Ministry here about this article. The last complaint was
about the earlier piece in the Daily Mirror referring to
the Panamanian flag as the "smelliest" on the
seven seas.C.E. Holland
4/9/47

JB Sept. 2

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BRITISH EMBASSY,
PARIS.

22nd Aug
1936

With the Compliments
of His Majesty's Embassy.

Mr. G. A. Crookley

E 7838

Mr Cable 23 AUG 1936

Eastern Department
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British Embassy,

Paris

19th August 1947.

I enclose, as you requested, the article which appeared in the London "Daily Mail" of the 14th August 1947, concerning the use of vessels flying the Panamanian flag for illegal immigration to Palestine.

I need hardly add that I take no responsibility for the views expressed in this article.

It is clear however that unless vessels like the "Northlands" and the "Paducah" are prevented from participating in this inhuman traffic while under Panamanian registration, their activities will undoubtedly bring shame to the flag of your country.

G. A. Crossley.

Monsieur Eligio Oceano Viato,
First Secretary,
Panamanian Legation,
Apartment 624,
Hotel Bristol,
112 Faubourg St. Honoré,
PARIS, 8e.

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THE FLAG THAT WAIVES THE RULES

For a nation not ranking among the seafaring and commercial peoples of the world this is astonishing progress

In the Mediterranean "hell ships" from Europe have crawled to Palestine so often under the Panama flag that any small ship wearing it in those waters is under suspicion as an immigrant runner.

"So far we have only warned our men not to sail in the mushroom navy, but it is time that international steps were taken to awaken the Panama Government to its new responsibilities and the necessity for sound laws at sea."

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FROM

J. Higham

No.

Colonial Office

Dated

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Illegal Immigration, Higham Richardson
and Co.

After consultation re co-operation of
Higham, Richardson & Co with Illegal
Immigration, have proposed letter to
the 'boy' for concurrence.

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Colonial Office,
Downing Street,
S.W.1.

22nd August, 1947.

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Dear Cable,

You will remember that during our discussion with Lucraft I promised to let him have a kind of testimonial that he could use to counter current gossip about the connection of Wighan, Richardson and Co. with illegal immigration. We obviously do not wish to be too lavish with our bouquets until we see whether Lucraft's offer of the cooperation both of his firm and himself is genuine. If you and the other members of the Shipping Panel agree I think the letter might be in the following terms:-

" I am writing to thank you for calling at the Colonial Office the other day to discuss certain problems in connection with the illegal immigration traffic into Palestine. We discussed certain difficulties which had arisen in the past in connection with certain ships ~~with~~ which you were interested and we agreed that in future such embarrassments could be reduced to a minimum by prompt consultations between yourself and one of my colleagues. I am sure that these consultations will be most valuable.

I was also glad to be able to put on record the appreciation of the Government Departments concerned at the very full cooperation exercised by Messrs. Wighan Richardson in the affair of S.S. KORA. As

J.E. CABLE, ESQ.

/you

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you will no doubt be aware the matter has now been satisfactorily settled as a result of an interview at the Colonial Office with the owner and manager of the vessel."

I am ~~sending~~ sending copies of this letter to Scherr, Rennie and Evershed.

Yours sincerely,

John D. Higham

(J.D. Higham)

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26th August, 1947

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Dear Hingham,

Many thanks for copy of your letter of the 22nd,
addressed to Cable.

I agree the terms of your proposed letter to Aighan, Richardson which, in my view, fully covers all that need be said to them at present. I do not think that Lucraft can expect more in the form of a testimonial than that implied by your second paragraph in regard to the firm's co-operation in the affair of the "KORA".

I am sending copies of this letter to Cable, Scherr and
Evershed.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd) R. C. DENNIE

J. O. Hingham, Esq.,
Colonial Office.

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Embassy

at Lens

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20 Aug

S.S. Poduach

Refer FO. 61 1743 (E7521/84/31)
transmit copy of state to my foreign
affairs of Aug 17. Giving particulars of
Poduach, and existing cooperation
in recruiting illegal emigrants, and to
my bankers.

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HIS Majesty's Charge d'Affaires at Athens
presents his compliments to H.M.P.S.S.F.A.
and has the honour to transmit to him the under-mentioned
documents.

British... Embassy.....

.....Athens.....1-26 AUG 1947

.....20th..August1947...

Reference to previous correspondence:

Foreign Office telegram No.1743 of 16th Aug.1947.

Description of Enclosure.

Name and Date.	Subject.
Copy of Note to the Royal Hellenic Ministry for Foreign Affairs, dated 17th August 1947.	Vessel engaged in the traffic of the illegal immigration of Jews into Palestine.

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BRITISH EMBASSY

URGENT

ATHENS.

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No. 376.
46/303/47.

His Britannic Majesty's Embassy present their compliments to the Royal Hellenic Ministry for Foreign Affairs and have the honour, under instructions from His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, to invite the co-operation of the Royal Hellenic authorities in connexion with a further case of a vessel suspected of being engaged in the traffic of the illegal immigration of Jews into Palestine.

The ship in question is the s.s. "Paducah" an ex-coastguard cutter of 252 tons nett, passenger capacity of 750, speed of 12-13 knots, flying the Panamanian flag. Her description is as follows:

The vessel has a black hull, white upperworks and one yellow funnel. There is one mast forward of the wheel-house and a large deck-house with rounded sides on the upper deck. A few feet abaft the real funnel there is a dummy funnel which is removable. Dimensions of the ship are approximately 200 x 25 x 12 feet.

This ship left the port of Bayonne on August 4th and called at Bone on August 13th. She left the same day without passengers and her position at 0401 hours on August 17th was 36 degrees 17.5 minutes north and 21 degrees 31 minutes east.

His Majesty's Government strongly suspect that this vessel may attempt to embark Jews either direct from Greek territory or from another vessel coming from Greece. His Majesty's Embassy have accordingly been instructed to request the Royal Hellenic authorities to take all precautions that may be possible to frustrate attempts which may be made to embark Jews as above and in particular to deny bunkers, and to detain this vessel if she puts into any Greek port.

His Majesty's Embassy avail themselves of this opportunity to renew to the Royal Hellenic Ministry for Foreign Affairs the assurance of their highest consideration.

17th August 1947.

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S.S. RIO NORTE

For C. G. Alexandria at request of General
Nauris Boy. of Egypt who state the
boy purchased S.S. Rio Norte, Panama
that the boy is an Egyptian limited
liability boy formed in 1945. Has been
informed that vessel will leave Cairo and
proceed to Alexandria or Suez.

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D. 5.17.p.m. 25th August 1947

R. 6.50.p.m. 25th August 1947

Please pass following to Genoa.

Following from Consul General Alexandria telegram unnumbered of August 25rd.

At the request of General Navigation Company of Egypt who state the Company purchased S.S. Rio Norte, S.S. Weekly Suspect Shipping List No: 14 page 6, I confirm that this Company is an Egyptian Limited Liability Company formed in 1945. I have been informed that the vessel will load cargo and proceed to Alexandria or Haifa and will then trade in the Mediterranean.

[Repeated to Genoa].

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EY871/84/31

Sir N. Kelly.

Angora.

5-96.

25 Aug
24 -

S.S. Poduach.

Refer F.O. to L. Mervin (EY871/84/31)
 have Sir Gen of My Foreign Affairs additional
 information of Journeys of Poduach.
 He advised that he personally heard it
 would be legally possible to hold the
 ship or at least delay it.

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This seems hopeful. Now see E 7926

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FROM ANGORA TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Sir D. Kelly
No. 596.

D. 11.20.a.m. August 26th, 1947.
R. 1.35.p.m. August 26th, 1947.

August 25th, 1947.

Repeated to Moscow,
Bucharest.

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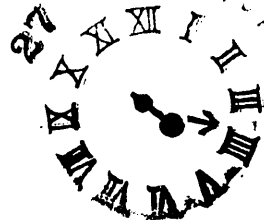
27 AUG

Confidential.

Your telegram No. 2778 to Moscow.

I gave Secretary General of Ministry of Foreign
Affairs today additional information of journeys of
s.s. Paducah.

He assured me he personally hoped it would be legally
possible to hold the ship or at least delay it.



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Illegal Immigrant Ships.

General particulars of persons and
companies engaged in the purchase
of ships. Planned position re ANASTASSIOS
ROTANIANOS.

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HARVEY L. CONSTANT. R. A. PARKIN.

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(PRIVATE BRANCH EXCHANGE)

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BALTIC EXCHANGE CHAMBERS.

24, ST. MARY AXE.

LONDON, E.C.3.

AB/CB.

25th August, 1947.

Private and confidential.

Sir,

Re: Compania Mediterranea de Vapores Ltda.
and
Compania de Navegacion y Credito S.A.

We give you as follows some supplementary information concerning the above, as arranged over the telephone with Mr. Cable on Saturday last.

Referring to the position of the association of Mr. Potanianos with the "Kora" and the likely connection of that gentleman with other Panamanian Companies, we are instructed to provide you with some further data which may assist in unravelling the position from which it appears likely that there has been some confusion of identity.

There is a gentleman called Anastassios Potanianos who has three brothers named respectively Fokion, Kimon and Petros. The Mr. Potanianos connected with the 'Kora' is not to be identified with any of the four parties named. Anastassios Potanianos is connected with a Panamanian Company called Compania de Vapores Primera Limitada. This gentleman acquired rights over the Company named through Mr. Vernicos and it was discovered the other day that no change had been made in the Directorate, which consisted of Mr. Reginald Lucraft, Mr. C.P. Petterson and Mr. A.N. Lykiardopulo. These three gentlemen retained their posts apparently on the request of Mr. Anastassios Potanianos, but the necessary resignations are now being handed in.

Mr. Anastassios Potanianos had purchased the passenger ship "Killarney", which was under the British flag. As repairs could not be effected to this vessel in the United Kingdom, she was taken to Genoa. The "Killarney" has now been re-named "Attiki" and is thought to be trading between Marseilles, Piraeus and Alexandria, still under the British flag. We imagine that the British Authorities were unwilling to give consent to a change of flag. It appears that the "Killarney" renamed "Attiki" was in the port of Genoa at the same time as the "Kora" and it is therefore highly probable that one of the four Potanianos

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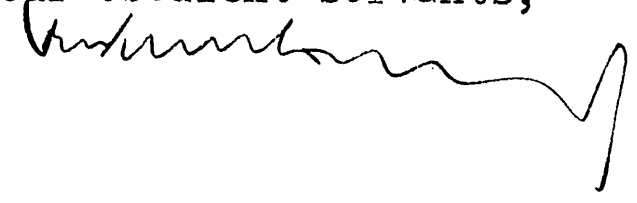
brothers was in Genoa at the same time as the Mr. Potanianos who is in association with Mr. Gasparinatos in connection with the "Kora" .

We give you this information in confidence and for what it may be worth, and hold ourselves at your disposal to follow up any lines of enquiry which it may be thought well to make.

We have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servants,



The Under-Secretary of State,
Foreign Office,
Easterh Section,
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S.S. KORA

one taking slip to free KORA from
arrest, and to receive payment. understood
where Higham-Richardson & Co. have been
placed in funds to enable them to settle
all outstanding liabilities.

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Min. of Tr. (Mr. Rennie)

Labour Office (Mr. Evered)

C.O. (Mr. Higham)

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Panamanian Ships.
Refer conference held in P.O. of 15-Aug.
New envelope list submitted by Clients.

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BALTIC EXCHANGE CHAMBERS.

E 7314

24, ST. MARY AXE,

LONDON, E.C.3.

23rd August, 1947.

For attention of Mr. Cable.

Sir,

Re: Panamanian Ships.

Referring to the conference held at the Colonial Office on the 15th inst., our Clients have now prepared and submitted to us for despatch to you the enclosed list.

We have certain other information which may be of some importance, which we are proposing to impart over the telephone to Mr. Cable.

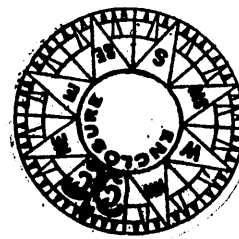
We have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servants,

[Handwritten signature]

The Foreign Office,
Eastern Section,
Whitehall,
S.W.1.



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 COMPANIA DE VAPORES PORTOBELLO LIMITADA (D. J. Dambassis).
 s.s. "CULEBRA".
 COMPANIA PANAMENA DE REMOLCADORES LIMITADA (N. E. Vernicos)
 Tug "ALEXANDRE".
 COMPANIA KASTRO DE VAPORES S.A. (G. N. Moraitis)
 No steamer.
 LUCINDA COMPANIA PANAMENA DE NAVEGACION S.A. (P. Paramythiotis & (N. Filinis).
 s.s. "LUCINDA".
 s.t. "CAPTAIN MIKES".
 HORIZONTES NUEVOS COMPANIA PANAMENA DE NAVEGACION S.A. (L.A. Goulandris & Others)
 s.s. "HORIZONTE AZUL".
 COMPANIA CHARCO AZUL DE NAVEGACION S.A. (Th. L. Teryazos).
 No steamer.
 RENA COMPANIA PANAMENA DE NAVEGACION S.A. (P. Protopapas & Others).
 s.s. "RENA".
 COMPANIA DE NAVEGACION SPHINX S.A. (B. Defterees & Others).
 s.s. "KYLEMOUNT".
 TARSISH MARITIMA Y CMERCIAL S.A. (A. Romano & Others).
 s.t. "PETROIL".
 NAPHTOL SHIPPING COMPANY S.A. (A. Romano & Others).
 s.t. "NAPHTOL".
 s.s. "NORMA".
 THE PROSPERO STEAMSHIP COMPANY S.A. (Ath. Coumandarees).
 s.y. "ODYSEIA".
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 No steamer.
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 s.s. "KATINA".
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COMPANIA DIANA DE VAPORES S.A.

(A.G. Pappadakis).

s.s. "INTREPIDO".

COMPANIA LEVANTE DE VAPORES S.A.

(A.G. Pappadakis).

"VIRAGOV"

"VICTORIA".

COMPANIA VICTORIA DE VAPORES S.A.

(A.G. Pappadakis).

s.s. "LUXOH".

PANAMENIAN NAVEGACION COMPANY.

(Eug. Eugenides).

s.s. "ARGENTINA".

s.s. "CITY OF ATHENS".

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S.S. "PAOUCAH"

Rpts 40 Cl 713 (EY755/84/31) 11.00
suggestions under ref to 11.00 Foreign Office.
He showed same helpful disposition as he had
no doubt in view of Russian attitude in 11.00
Turkish front must watch this very carefully.

(Minutes.)

This is encouraging.

See within

Moscow tel 20.10.48 - Sept 3

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(1) TELEGRAM SECTION,
FOREIGN OFFICE.

Please repeat to the posts shown below telegram No. 713.....

from/to.....Angora..... dated.....25th August.....

.....MOSCOW..... No. 2886..... (Date).....4.9.47.....

..... No.....

..... No.....

Enclair.

Code

Cypher

(Signed).....

(Dept.).....Eastern.....

(Date).....4/9.....

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DEPARTMENTAL NO. 1

FROM ANGORA TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Sir D. Kelly
No. 603.

D. 3.48 p.m. August 26th, 1947.
R. 5.36 p.m. August 26th, 1947.

August 26th, 1947.

Repeated to Bucharest
Moscow.

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Confidential.

Your telegram No. 713.

I made these suggestions to Minister for Foreign Affairs this morning. He showed the same helpful disposition as Secretary General; no doubt in view of Russian attitude about the Straits Turkish Government must watch their step carefully.

Foreign Office please repeat to Bucharest and Moscow
as my telegrams Nos. 6 and 15 respectively.

[Repeated to Bucharest and Moscow]

[Copy sent to Middle East Secretariat]

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Mr. Roberts.
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D. 7.32 p.m. 3rd September, 1947

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Your telegram No. 2802.

Please repeat to me your telegram to Angora
No. 713.

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Darrell Wilson

Algiers

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J.S. Padurach

Refer Algiers dispatch 92 (E 7779/84/31)
re presence of Padurach at Bord now
encloses copy of dispatch of Aug 16 from
vice Consul at Bord dealing with matter.

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Secret.

Despatch No. 38/47.

Reg. No. 222/47.

British Vice-Consulate,

Bona.

16th August, 1947.

Dear Sir,

Seeing a strange looking craft mooring at the Mole Cigogne last Wednesday morning about 08.30, I went along to investigate and found the "Paducah".

The Assistant Harbourmaster was on the quay wondering what she was. On my enlightening him he went to the Harbour Office to telephone to the Administrator of the Inscription Maritime.

Knowing that the Navigation Inspector had left earlier that morning for La Calle I went to the Administrator's office to see if it was not possible to have the Inspector brought back as he is the only official who can pronounce, after his visit, whether a ship may sail or not. This of course from the seaworthy point of view. Otherwise her papers were in order as she could always go to Leghorn from here. Word was sent for him to come back at once.

I met the Sous-Prefet and was assured that no passengers would be allowed to embark.

The Master came on shore and asked for 90 tons of fresh water and 30 tons of gas-oil. The order for the oil never got past the Broker's office but the water had to be supplied. A shiphandler received an order for 1,500 eggs, 100 ks meat, 100 ks bread and fruit but on my intervention this was cut down to 300 eggs, 10 ks meat, no bread and 30 ks fruit. This was done without any appeal to the Authorities, the ship was told the oil and provisions were not available.

I saw the Navigation Inspector about 15.30 and he informed me that as far as this port was concerned the ship was in order but had no certificate to carry passengers so was only entitled legally to carry twelve. The ship was well fitted out, carried large provision and medical stores. In his opinion she could take 2,000 passengers. The steward of the ship had put the number at 1,500. There was a large galley.

A copy of the ship's manifest came into my possession as well as the copy of a letter from the radio officer to his wife at Oran. The steward was recruited from Marseille, receiving 30/- per day plus a large bonus. The local press surpassed themselves by calling the ship an ice-breaker.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

(Sgd) George C. Bowker.

British Vice-Consul, Bone.

Darrell Wilson, Esq.,
H.M. Consul-General,
ALGIERS.

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"Paducah".

Ship's Manifest.

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200 lbs	Whole milk powder
240 "	Skimmed milk powder
588 "	Barley
350 "	Noodles
700 "	Spaghetti
500 "	Kashe
600 "	Rice
530 "	Salt
1,560 "	Toilet tissue
901 "	S.C. milk
600 "	Egg powder
765 "	Hersey chocolate
4,050 "	Bread biscuit
7,050 "	Canned peas
11,750 "	" beans
4,700 "	" beet
7,050 "	" carrots
1,450 "	" beans
6,600 "	Prunes (bottled)
4,700 "	Canned veg-all
5,400 "	" peaches
2,350 "	" beans
2,700 "	" apricots
14,319 "	" blended juices
1,460 "	Plum jelly
730 "	Guava jelly
1,460 "	Orange marmalade
700 "	Fruit compote
1,128 "	Med peaches
720 "	Raisins
58,000 "	Horse mackerel
2,444 "	Premium crackers
320 "	Wave soap
3,372 "	Mess kits
3,762 "	Canteens and cups
60 "	Sanitary napkins
830 "	Paper bags
525 "	Forks and spoons

Account of Dredging and Construction Co., Postal Building, Miami.
 Baharlia Frères, 42 Rue des Phocéens, Marseilles.
 Importé de U.S.A.
 Roland Thompson Agency, 6255 Miami Avenue, Miami.

There was a wooden case approximately 2M x 0.90 x 0.30 addressed
 Baharlia Frères.

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BUCHAREST No 8-27

SOFIA No. 1154.

Telegram.

No.

(Date) Aug 29

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En Clair.

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Yours

Telegram no. 377 [of 23rd
August : Jewish illegal immigration]

We are sending you a copy of "PADUCAH'S" manifest. The intentions are obvious from this list of ~~items~~, ~~the~~ ~~which~~ includes such items as 14, 319 pounds of canned blended juices and 3, 762 canteens and cups.

We are sending you a copy of "PADUCAH'S" manifest. The quantity of provisions etc. carried by her (14,000 pounds canned beans and 3,762 canteens and cups are examples) clearly indicates her intention to embark abnormal number of passengers, probably about 2000.

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DEPARTMENTAL NO.1.

FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO BUCHAREST No. 877
SOFIA No. 1154

August 29th, 1947. D. 1.50 p.m. August 31st, 1947.

Repeated to Moscow No. 2829

SSSSS

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Your telegram No. 877 [of August 23rd: Jewish
illegal immigration].

We are sending you a copy of "Paducah's" manifest.
The quantity of provisions etc. carried by her (14,000
pounds canned beans and 3,762 canteens and cups are
examples) clearly indicates her intention to embark
abnormal number of passengers. probably about 2,000.

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S S 'ANNA'

Refer to letter (E 1611/84/31) Have now heard
from consulate at Palma de Mallorca that
he has been unable to obtain any confirmation
of report that 'Anat' took on flight instructor
in the Police. He considers report most
improbable. In circumstances, have not
therefore approached Spanish authorities.

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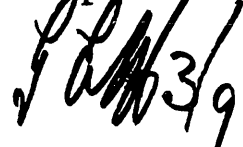
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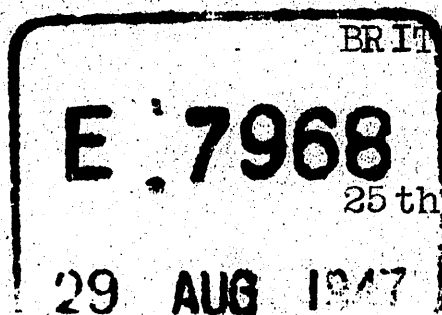
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BRITISH EMBASSY,

MADRID.

25th August, 1947.

29 AUG 1947

Dear Department,

Your letter (E.6611/84/31) of the 5th August about the s.s. "ANAL".

We have now heard from the Consulate at Palma de Mallorca to the effect that he has been unable to obtain any confirmation of the report that the s.s. "ANAL" took on illegal immigrants in the Balearics, and that he considers the report most improbable.

2. In the circumstances, we have not therefore approached the Spanish authorities.

3. We are sending a copy of this letter to Algiers.

Yours ever,

CHANCERY.

Eastern Department,
FOREIGN OFFICE.

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S.S. Podurok

Repts Referred to 877 (E7772/84/31) My
Foreign Office confirm that Podurok
has been at VARNA since Aug 22nd when she
is awaiting fuel. They understand her still
to be under Panamanian Registry.
We already requested Bulgarian Govt. to
obtain Podurok's fuel and to refund her fuel.

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Referred to Moscow

I have told Paris Embassy, who will
try to persuade the Panamanian Legation
there to recommend withdrawal of
registration on the grounds that she left
Bayonne ostensibly for Leghorn, but
really went to VARNA.

We have already asked SOFIA
to make representations about this
ship (E 7521) and there seems no
need to give them further instructions
now.

J. J. Dine
(S.E. CABLE)

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from/to.....SOFIA..... dated.....30th August.....

..... Moscow No. 2846 (Date) 1/9/47

..... No.....

..... No.....

(Signed).....

(Dept.).....*Eastern*...

(Date).....1/9.....

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